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Thu 0430	WRMI	9955	[repeated 1653 this week]
Thu 2200	WTWW	9479	[confirmed]
Fri 0428v	WWRB	3195	[confirmed; 5050 missing]
Sat 0230v	WBCQ	5110v-CUSB	Area 51 [confirmed]
Sat 0630	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 0900	WRMI	9955	
Sat 1600	WRMI	9955	
Sat 1630	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1830	WRMI	9955	
Sun 0500	WTWW	5830	[confirmed]
Sun 0900	WRMI	9955	
Sun 1630	WRMI	9955	
Mon 0530	WRMI	9955	
Tue 1200	WRMI	9955	
Wed 0630	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 1630	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Thu 0430	WRMI	9955	[or maybe 1655 if ready in time]

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** AFGHANISTAN [non]. 12140, 0422 18/01, KUWAIT, R. Azadi (Free Afghanistan), Pashto, OM talk, heard "Kabul", "Azadi", S9 with het. S6 to S9 (Fl.vio PY2ZX Arch,ngelo, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALASKA. 7355, USA (ALASKA), KNLS, 1224 English, not on 9615 as listed, with a iFocus on the Family item, followed by their regular feature for DXers, this about keeping a written record of loggings, 1228 ID. Poor Jan 28 (Harold Sellers, BC, Editor of World English Survey and Target Listening, available at <http://www.odxa.on.ca> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Depends on which 'list' you consult. Own website in Russian has two different schedule versions, as we explained early in B-12, one if

they have two transmitters operational, the other with one transmitter, and one of those shows both 7355 and 9615 at 1200 in English:

<http://www.knls.net/rus/schedule.htm>

Are they still re-running ancient evergreen DX talks by Carl Mann? (Glenn Hauser, *ibid.*)

This morning I heard them on 9615 and not 7355. On Jan 28th they were only on 7355 (Harold Sellers, Jan 30, *ibid.*)

** ALGERIA [non]. 11775, 1953 18/01, FRANCE, R. Algerienne, Issoudun Arabic (Fl-vio PY2ZX Arch,ngelo, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Currently scheduled 19-21; news in French on the hour (Aoki)

** ANGOLA. [Re 13-04] Hi everyone, (tentative). RNA N'Gola Yetu, 7216.47 Mulenvos. Jan 27, 2013. Sunday. 1814-1842. Something there, but initially not readable. Aoki and EiBi agree that at this time it cannot be Vietnam (which both say is off-air 1700-2030). At 1827 I can just make out afro music, but it is at noise level. Jo'burg sunset 1702. Will listen for a while and report back if I get an ID. Regards, (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As per HFCC and AOKI Vietnam - Daclac is on 7210 kHz. A recording of VOV Daclac [Naswa Country: Vietnam - South] (20 kW unit as per HFCC) on 14th January 2013 at 0136 UT Can be found here <https://www.box.com/s/ymjuno2pf1m4tkhrdkfd> (Partha Sarathi Goswami, WB, *ibid.*)

** ANGUILLA [and non]. 6090, Jan 26 at 0706, Caribbean Beacon is missing, uncovering the LAH between no doubt R. Bandeirantes, since it's in Portuguese, and a weaker signal. An hour or two earlier we always assume it's R. Nigeria, Kaduna, and if really running 250 kW, could still be; it too is always off-frequency, to the low side. Need to look for its weak spurs around 6077 and 6103 that James MacDonell and Thomas Nilsson have been reporting. It's also a very good Brazilian night with supersigs on 11780 and 6180, and hardly anything on 31m except 9665. CB day frequency 11775 is on at 1445 with DGS (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. Radio Apocalipsis II, 1690 kHz --- Como me decia un amigo alem:n en Youtube, vaya nombre para una estaci:un:
<http://youtu.be/PFAj-riUkNQ>

Radio Juventud, 1700 kHz, Una radio para la "familia chamamesera" (sic) desde Florencio Varela.

<http://youtu.be/zWI650pxqYU>

73 desde Montevideo (Rodolfo Tizzi, Uruguay, Jan 28, condiglist yg via

DXLD)

I wonder why some YouTube URLs are axually in Belgium?? Just because its domain is .be? So by splitting up the tube into tu.be they double the potential number of URLs (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Queres reirte? Esta gente me pidi  una suscripci n para Conexi n Digital y los reciben desde hace m s de un lustro. Y contrariamente a su nombre es una de las mas estables en la XBand local (Arnaldo Slaen, condiglist via DXLD)

Pero, che! Uno no gana para sorpresas en esta vida! Saludos desde Montevideo (Tizzi, ibid.)

** ARGENTINA [and non?]. DX de arm nicos --- Durante este fin de semana hicimos un DX-weekend con CX3CT y CX1BP en Jaureguiberry, Canelones, y entre otras sorpresas en la escucha, nos llamo la atencion la gran cantidad de dobles y hasta triples arm nicos de emisoras argentinas que pudimos captar, algunos de ellos con se ales considerables y firmes.

En 2340 kHz, 1170 kHz x 2, una no identificada ( alguien tiene idea que es esto?):

<http://youtu.be/b-5drB5yqKc>

En 2600 kHz, 1300 kHz x 2, Plus Radio, Lan's, Buenos Aires:

<http://youtu.be/SvefInwiSfs>

What's the time?? YouTube info shows:

``Reception of second harmonic of Plus Radio (Lan's, Buenos Aires, Argentina) on 2600 kHz by CX2ABP in Jaureguiberry, Uruguay (GF25hf) during a DX-weekend (272 km). January 26, 2013 at 2236 UTC.
Receiver: National Panasonic DR-49. Antenna: longwire 100 meters.
Receiver frequency counter is defective.``

And for the previous 2340 one:

``Reception of 2nd harmonic of AM 1170, Buenos Aires, Argentina on 2340 kHz by CX2ABP in Jaureguiberry, Uruguay (GF25hf) during a DX-weekend with CX3CT, CX1BP and Charly Delta. January 27, 2013 at 0125 UT. Receiver: National Panasonic DR-49. Antenna: longwire 100 meters``
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Y tambi n en 2860 kHz (1430 x 2), 2980 kHz (1490 x 2) y otras tantas. Parece que algunas de estas estaciones deber an ajustar una nadita el transmisor, se me ocurre. 73 desde Montevideo (Rodolfo Tizzi, Uruguay, Jan 28, condiglista yg via DXLD)

Rodolfo, Es muy probable (MAC lo podr  corroborar o no) que se trate

de AM 1170 cuya direcci n WEB es
<http://radioam1170.com.ar/programacion.php>
F jate en la en la grilla de programaci n, es de orientaci n
espiritual. Coincide con el slogan que alcanzaste a grabar: "La Radio
que bendice a tu familia" (Rub n Guillermo Margenet, Argentina, ibid.)

** ARGENTINA [and non]. 11710, 0357 18/01, CRI (tentative), Urumqi,
listed Russian, music. Severe co-channel with RAE General Pacheco ARG
in French heard below with main carrier at 11709 kHz. Both with very
good signals but strong het (Fl vio PY2ZX Arch,ngelo, Brasil, dxldyg
via DX LISTENING DIGEST) RAE usually on 11711- (gh, DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. 15820.1/LSB, UNID relay; 2234-2242.52*, 30-Jan; 2 M+W in
Spanish with chit-chat & phone calls; Spanish pop tune at tune-in. No
station ID, but several mentions of Argentina. SI0=2+53+ best ever
heard. Nothing on 13363.5 or 16150. Weak CW there after s/off which
continued till 2244:11 then lapsed into random tones/dits. Sounded
like when an NDB goes berserk (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Drake R8B +
125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, logged by my ears,
on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARMENIA. Now I'll check 9362 kHz a spurious Spanish broadcast noted
at 0012 UT, and some scratching different spurious signal on 9346 to
9354 kHz. Now checked Spanish spurs/spurious signals again at 0110 UT
Jan 31: is undoubtedly V of Russia, Gavar, Armenia broadcast on 9395
kHz S=9+50dB boost over western Europe towards Central America. Two
spurious strings noted and heard in Spanish on 9362 and 9428 kHz, and
distorted side flank signal also from Gavar on 9346-9354 and 9436-9443
kHz. Walt, btw, 00-02 UT is a very uncomfortable time to sit on the
receiver - here in Europe (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING
DIGEST) Aside from 9191v, see EGYPT

** AUSTRALIA. 2368.5, Radio Symban (presumed). Jan 26 seemed to be on
an extended schedule; tuned in at 1223 to be pleasantly surprised to
hear Greek music and songs; has been many months since I last heard
them, after checking almost daily at about the same time period; poor,
but clearly Greek songs as usual; no longer hearing music sometime
about 1245 and suspect signed off, but not positive; continued to
check past 1300, but never heard any music again. Would very much like
to see them continue with this later scheduling! (Ron Howard, San
Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Et n E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 4835, ABC VL8A Alice Springs, 1215, Jan 27. Live
coverage of the Djokovic vs Murray tennis match from the Australian
Open; after the game at 1233 the start of the presentation ceremonies,
with the winner being Djokovic (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean
Beach, CA, Et n E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) a bit later:

4835, Jan 27 at 1347, VL8A the best yet, quite readable with sacred choral music and talk. Except for CUBA 5025, it's the SS0B at S9+18. I bet it's the same 'Sunday Night' program as on R. Australia --- yes it is, about one word behind // 9580.

By 1405, 4835 has faded to a JBA carrier. It'll be a sad day when VL8A goes back to 2310 at night, previously planned for March. But new WRTH National Radio Update says ``ABC Alice Springs continues using 4835 kHz for undefined period also between 0830-2130 instead of 2310 kHz.'' (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ABC Alice Springs continues using 4835 kHz for undefined period also between 0830-2130 instead of 2310 kHz (WRTH National Radio update 25 Jan via DXLD) Originally was to resume 2310 nights from March (gh)

2325, Jan 30 at 1349 very poor signal but enough English modulation to match it with 4835; stronger than 2485 which is JBA, so all three Northern Territory stations are making it; as I retune 4835 at 1355, ID for ``ABC Alice Springs'' with website, timechex for NT and WA too a sesquihour apart.

2325 & 2485, Jan 31 at 1249, two VL8s poorly audible vs noise level, both in talk and could be //. Too much 4840 WWCW to hear 4835 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 9580, Jan 27 at 1425 start listening to RA's 'Sunday Night', excellent program about religion, during long 'Encounter with Sacred Music' production about gospel choral groups in Australia, where all faiths and even Buddhists, Atheists participate for the love of music, and its social meaning as in the US Civil Rights Movement. Cut off as usual at 1458*, so retune to 11945 for the rest of it.

11945, Jan 28 from 1505, RA's excellent 'Asia-Pacific' newsmagazine, but cut off abruptly at 1528 before it's over. At 1529 I notice that next frequency 11880 has started a bit early. Now must get in habit of immediately retuning, just as one must do at 1458 from 9580 to 11945. But if it is the same transmitter, there will still be a break of at least a minute before 11880 come up. If possible, listen instead to 7240 which should stay on. The people running the Melbourne studio just don't get it that they need to build in pauses with no significant programming, to accommodate SW frequency changeovers. O yeah, SW is just an outdated adjunct to continuous short-range FM relays and webcasts (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Phil Kafcaloudes on Radio Australia announced shortly after 22 UT that emergency transmitter maintenance will take place on Jan. 30. The frequencies that will be available are 9660 and 12080. No times were given. I wonder if this has anything to do with the severe weather the

country has been experiencing. a (Andy Reid, Ont., UT Jan 29, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Work will begin at "1 AM in Suva". Other local times also mentioned (Reid, 2236 UT Jan 29, ibid.)

That would be 11 UT. In the 1330-1500 or so UT period Jan 30, RA was normal on 5995, 6020, 9580, 11945. These two [9660, 12080] are Brandon, Queensland frequencies where one would suspect the current problem could be flooding. So are/were all Shepparton frequencies down for maintenance? Or was Shep subbing for Brandon on these two? Anyway, 19000 and 21740 are loud and clear as usual at 2357 [Jan 29]. (Glenn, ibid.)

** AUSTRALIA. 15340, Jan 27 at 1415, RHC dead air allows English talk about JC to be heard, so HCJB is appearing again, first time heard here for several months, presumably longpath. However, WRTN 2013 shows English does not start until 1445 (Saturdays 1515). All references including own grid at http://www.hcjb.org.au/docs/B12_Schedule_HCJB_Australia_20121028-20130330.pdf show Urdu 7 days a week at 1400-1430, so what happened? English is default, I suppose, if something is missing; or maybe this Urdu just included an English bit (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH [and non]. What's this on 4752.00 at 1050-1130+? Talking first noted at 1127 (Jim Young, OR, Jan 24, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Don't know, was sitting on 4750 for Bangladesh. Bangladesh off frequency? (Bob Wilkner, 1141 UT, ibid.)

That would be my guess, as everyone else on 4750 seem to be there (Jim Young, 1148 UT, ibid.)

New frequency 4752.00, Bangladesh Betar (Home Service), ex: 4750.0; random listening from 1226 to 1603, Jan 24. Thanks for a timely tip from Dave Valko; 1250 news headlines in English, seems to be daily feature; English segment from 1530 to 1556 with news (Prime Minister Hasina officially commissioned a warship, tomorrow will be a public holiday for Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi, etc.), sports, weather warnings (none), inews commentary and Bangladesh Betar brings you the major events of the week; poor to fair. Frequency a one day event? BTW - RRI Makassar 1559* on 4749.95 (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Etûn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Noted here in Colorado, too. Decent signal around 1330 UT but not decent enough to rise above my S-9 noise level. Could make out sub-continental vocal music but none of the talk (John Wilkins, metro Denver, Jan 24, dxingwithcumbre yg via DXLD)

Thanks to Ron Howard for the tip. Indeed BD Betar continues on 4752 at poor level at 1537 UT today, 26 January. Mild splatter from RRI Makassar 4750. 73, (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Bangladesh Betar still broadcasting on 4752 today. Logged with Koran recital at 1608 UT on 25th January 2013. Throwing in local quality signals here at Kolkata. Expect this to continue till someone at the transmitter corrects it (Supratik Sanatani, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I've been hearing a station on 4752.0 each of the last several mornings in the 1130-12:30+ time period. A bit too noisy around here to get an ID, but the music sounds like Bangladesh Betar -- and they seem to have disappeared from 4750. Anyone have a positive ID? Thanks (Art Delibert, N. Bethesda, MD, Jan 26, Hard-Core-DX mailing list, via DXLD)

There have been several in the DX Listening Digest yg. Seems like they heard my advice to spread out the four 4750 stations to different frequencies; but 4752 is not far enough away. 4755 would be bad for Micronesia. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Yes, heard today on 4752; ID and English nx at 1530 UT. See:
<http://www.mwlist.org/mw_logmap.php?sort=&datum=2013-01-26&band=ALL&redir=true>
vy 73, (Willi, DJ6JZ, Passmann, ibid.)

<http://www.radio-portal.org/sdr.html>
SDR-Special
http://www.mwlist.org/mw_logmap.php?la=en
(Visual Logbook of MWList & TBL, ibid.)

Thanks. I thought about your advice when I noticed the station here. 'Course, if Bangladesh Betar is following the DX news, they would have done something about the hum on 15105 that everyone complains about. Maybe that's next (Art Delibert, Bethesda MD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4752 kHz is Bangladesh Betar, last few days, going past 1600 UT; in past they used to shut down at 15 UT. Yesterday also late sign on around 1100; their regular sign on time was 10 UT.

That make clear path for 4750 from China and Indonesia but more than 3 kHz BW setting in receivers producing het often, specially 4751 is a bad het now. Now 1115 UT while writing this mail, S9+30db here at my QTH Siliguri, Darjeeling (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, W.B., India, 1132 UT Jan 27, dxldyg via DXLD)

4752, Jan 27 at 1253, signal here as already IDed by others as

Bangladesh Betar, shifted from 4750, but weaker than remaining 4750, presumably RRI; still the same at 1348. Seems like BB took my recent advice to spread out the 4 clashers on 4750 to different frequencies, but 2 kHz is not far enough; in fact, it may be worse in Asia on ordinary receivers so listeners to both RRI and BB now have to cope with a 2 kHz het.

4755 would be even worse yet, covering poor Micronesia {and already interfering with it to the extent they overlap hours}. If BB want to stay as close as possible to 4750 on the hi side I would recommend 4770 where nothing is listed. 4760 is out due to one or two Indians, and 4765 is out due to Tajikistan. There is also nothing significant in Asia for many channels below 4750 altho that range may not be considered open for broadcasting (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4752.00, Bangladesh Betar (Home Service), Jan 27 was their fourth consecutive day off frequency, so perhaps a permanent change? 1251 with the usual one minute spot in English, but not sure what it is (program schedule or what?); poor; this does not fade up to fair till later (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Etûn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi, yesterday I checked at 10 UT - that is 3:30 PM Indian time, just after my lunch I was checking for it, and it was off between 10-1030 UT but came on air around 11 UT; today it was on air before 11 UT.

I am just about 450-500 km away from the transmitter so the signal comes fair after 0800-0815 UT at my place and gets better after 0930.

In South Asia we find many stations off air some time just for power outage at the nearest grid of the transmitter; it may be the case yesterday. 73s (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Jan 27, ibid.)

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WRTH Bangladesh Editor DXer Swopan Chakraborty from Kolkata, India updates as:

Bangladesh Betar sign on at 0600 UT and sign off 1715 on 4750 kHz (now 4752). This rescheduling of time has been continuing since last 14th April.) (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, W.B., India, Jan 27, ibid.)

4752, 27/Jan 1529, Bangladesh Betar in English. Local music, at 1530 YL talk, newsletter. At 1543 OM talk and QRM CODAR. At 1545 ID by YL, then quick instrumental music and OM talk. Fair signal with many

noises and unidentified QRM. Listening in remote radio from Twente, NL (Jorge Freitas, Brasil, *ibid.*)

4752.00, Bangladesh Betar, 1235-1243, Jan 28. The Monday only SAARC news bulletin in English with review of the past week's events; iAssalamu alaikum. This is Bangladesh Betar welcoming you all to the weekly SAARC news bulletin; iBangladesh's eminent social worker Jharna Dhara Chowdhury awarded India's highest civilian honor Padma Shri, etc.; outstanding conditions afforded the most readable reception ever for this SAARC news. Interesting to note that this, their home service, is consistently heard with better reception than their external service.

<https://www.box.com/s/4yrk0majmz1vdxusl3mf>
contains a MP3 recording of the whole news bulletin (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4752, Jan 28 at 1351, still a carrier here hetting RRI Makassar, see INDONESIA. Abu Tabib Md. Zia Hasan, Senior Engineer, Research & Receiving Centre, Bangladesh Betar, denied to Supratik Sanatani, India, that they are on 4752 instead of 4750! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See below

4752, 28/Jan 1521, Bangladesh Betar in Bengali. OM talk. QRM CODAR at 1528. At 1529 instrumental music. A few seconds without modulation. At 1530 YL Starts the program in English, ID. Listening in radio remote from Twente, NL. Recorded in
<http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006/14188794/>
33333 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14¥S 38 58¥W - Brasil, *ibid.*)

The RRC of Bangladesh Betar still stands by 4750 kHz. When I sent an email asking them whether 4752 kHz was a drift from 4750 this is the reply I received:

"Dear Dr Supratik Sanatani, Thank u for your mail. 4752 kHz is not our frequency. We have a frequency 4750 kHz which is used for home broadcasting service. We would like to inform you that we have SW frequency 7250 kHz which is transmitted to India as our target area at GMT 15:15-15:45. You can find details of our frequency schedules in our website <http://www.betar.org.bd/frequency.html>
With best regards, Abu Tabib Md. Zia Hasan, Senior Engineer, Research & Receiving Centre, Bangladesh Betar"
(via Supratik Sanatani, Jan 28, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

I'm not experienced in SDR as friends of list here. But of course there is a deviation of frequency for 4752 in the chart and in the listen (Jorge Freitas, Brasil, *ibid.*)

Yes Jorge, Bangladesh Betar is now heard with like Holy Quran singer program at 1630 UT Jan 28, on exact 4752.000 kHz, as has been always from last week onwards. Poor chap fellow at www.betar.org.bd/frequency.html

``Abu Tabib Md. Zia Hasan
Senior Engineer
Research & Receiving Centre
Bangladesh Betar "

They are NOT aware of this +2 kHz frequency transmission since last Wednesday. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B_schel, Germany, ibid.)

Hi Everyone, I have been copying Bangladesh Betar on 4752 although the frequency tends to drift. Not heard thus far today 29th Jan. Flex Radio 1500. Half size G5RV (Steve Calver, UK, 1538 UT Jan 29, ibid.)

BGD 4752 - heard today Jan 29th at 1115 UT on remote receivers in Finland and far northern Sweden. But now at 1655 UT seemingly an Indian subcontinent language by male voice, radio seemingly aligned back now on exact 4750 kHz. 73 wb (Wolfgang B_schel, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I'd say WHY would DXers want to report this (being on 4752) to BD Betar? Now, they're once again impossible for most of us to hear. Shame on you out there that did! (Walt Salmani, Victoria, BC, ibid.)

Hi Wolfy, Jan 30 indeed they were on 4750.0 (ex-4752.00) at 1403 with usual marching band, ID and news in Bangla/Bengali. Poor and mixing with a number of other stations. So I was very lucky to hear the Monday SAARC news bulletin with decent reception while they were still off set (Ron Howard, San Francisco, ibid.)

Bangladesh Betar seems to have corrected the drift and noted back on 4750 kHz when tuned in at 1600 UT on 30th Jan 2013 (Supratik Sanatani, Kolkata, ibid.)

[and non]. 4750, Jan 30 at 1355, back to SAH between two carriers here, no more 4752, so BB has resumed colliding directly with RRI, instead of exact offset 2 kHz since Jan 24, and which they denied even happened. Ron Howard, California agrees 4752 is gone again, back to 4750 at 1403 and so does Supratik Sanatani, Kolkata, West Bengal, at 1600 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BHUTAN. BBS Radio & TV will also carry proceedings of 64th Republic Day of India live 0300 UT onwards. Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck is the chief guest at India's 64th Republic Day parade

today.

<http://www.thesundayindian.com/en/story/bhutan-king-to-be-republic-day-parade-chief-guest/254/46011/>

<http://www.bbs.bt/news/?p=22743>

73, (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, Jan 25, dx_india yg via DXLD)

Meanwhile tuned BBS Bhutan on 6035 kHz around 0440 UT to for India Republic Day celebration live coverage by BBS, but I heard a Nepali language transmission of BBS with fair signal with YL hosted a listener's choice music show. With Best Regards & 73's from Assam (Prithwiraj Purkayastha, Pub Bongalpukhuri, By Lane 4, P.O./ Dist. Jorhat, Assam - 785001, India, Email: prithwiraj.purkayastha@gmail.com)

My Blog: <http://prithwisworld.blogspot.com> dx_india yg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4700, Jan 26 at 0051, two signals making a LAH (low audible heterodyne). One no doubt R. San Miguel, always reported off-frequency, but what else? Only on-channel MW fundamental which could harmonicize here is 940×5 . I am making a quick check of 60m for signals, rather than trying to pull IDs from everything (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

En 4700 kHz se escucha muy bajito como si fuera un top horario de una Time Signal; no se escucha la San Miguel. Alguien sabe que puede ser? (Ernesto Paulero, Argentina, 0126 UT Jan 29, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4717, Jan 26 at 0044, music on poor signal here, no doubt R. Yura, also at 0051.

4717, Jan 31 at 0046, Andean flute music, flutter, better than 4747 Per'; 0054 Spanish announcement, presumed R. Yatun Ayllu Yura, Yura, on its unique frequency. At least its carrier is often detectable around this time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. I have found information about Arusquipiri, mentioned in DX-Window no. 470. It is a news program for Oruro native Aymara people living in that area of Bolivia. The website <http://www.radiopio12.com/programacion> shows R Pio XII schedule. At http://www.aymara.org/biblio/diccio_tarapaca.pdf you can find an Aymara ñ Spanish dictionary (Dario Monferini, Italy, DSWCI DX Window Jan 23 via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. R. Panamericana, La Paz is reported back irregularly on 6105v kHz. Schedule 1000-0300 (SS 1100-2300). (WRTH National Radio update 25 Jan via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. NOTA DE FALECIMENTO - ADALBERTO MARQUES DE AZEVEDO

... com grande pesar que eu informo o falecimento de Adalberto Marques de Azev do, v tima de um infarto. Um dexista brasileiro que por muitos anos enriqueceu o nosso hobby com os seus artigos t cnicos e sua maneira  mpar de analisar um log.

Is with great sadness that I report the passing away of Adalberto Marques de Azevedo, victim of a heart attack. A Brazilian dexista who for many years has enriched our hobby with his technical articles and unique way of analyzing a log (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, Jan 31, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Obit

Muito triste! Adalberto foi talvez meu maior incentivador no hobby! Al m de uma fonte inesgot vel de conhecimentos que nunca exitou em compartilhar, sempre estava disposto a esclarecer todas as d vidas por mais bestas e imbecis que fossem! Realmente uma enorme perda para o DXismo brasileiro ... lament vel! Meus p sames para toda a fam lia! Que Deus o tenha! (Lourival Castro, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Many more tributes followed in this group (gh)

** BRAZIL. 4754.9, Brasil, R dio Imaculada Concei  o, Campo Grande, MS 0900 to 0950 OM in Portuguese, chorale music, inspirational program, good signal 27 Jan (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D -Icom 746Pro - Drake R8 - AOG and 60 meter dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4815, Jan 26 at 0119, preacher in Portuguese vs CODAR, and must use USB to avoid the ute noise, i.e. R. Difusora, Londrina. (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4845, Jan 26 at 0048, some music, flute and voice, probably R. Cultura, Manaus, as there are no Asians here, tho some flutter. (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Neste momento aqui em S o Paulo capital zona norte;  s 18:30 local [2030 UT] estou ouvindo uma emissora na frequ ncia de 4845 em 60m, programa reportagem Joven Pam Sat. Alguem confirma se   a R. Cultura Tropical do PA? (J. Carlos, py2255swl, <http://qsldobrasil.blogspot.com> Jan 29 radioescutas yg via DXLD)

01. J. Carlos, A R dio Meteorologia Paulista, de Ibitinga (SP), transmite em 4845 kHz a programa  o da Rede Jovem Pan. Ou o essa emissora quase todos os dias aqui em Goi nia-Goi s. Chega muito bem por aqui nas manh s, at  7:00/7:30 hor rio de Bras lia [0900/0930 UT]. Jornal da manh , Jovem Pan. Abra o, (C ssio Santos - Goi nia - Goi s, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL: 4876.9, ZYG810, R dio Roraima (presumed); 0352-

0359:49*, 23-Jan; M in Portuguese with variety tunes; sung anthem to s/off. SIO=342 with splash from Brasil 4885 (Harold Frodge, MI, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4877.2, Jan 26 at 0115, music, less fading than the Asians, and frequency measurement of 5 x 40 Hz DX-398 clix above 4877 strongly suggests R. Roraima. In DXLD archive I find only one report of it on this exact frequency, from Carlos Gonçalves in Portugal, 3 August 2011 at 2235+. Harold Sellers, BC, had it on 4877.1, 24 Nov 2012 at 0200. ZYG810 does vary a lot, reported during past year on many split spots from 4875 past 4878. Now it had some SSB QRM on the lo side (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4885, QSL of Rádio Clube do Pará, no/details letter in English with statement confirming reception, in 57 days for taped report with \$2.00 and postcard. V/S Camilo Centeno, Director General. Also received several Rádio Clube do Pará, Belém postcards and two very nice pins (old-fashioned microphone). Nice big envelope with plenty of stamps ... gotta love it! (Ross Comeau-MA-USA, DXplorer Jan 25 via BC-DX Jan 26 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. R. Cultura, Cuiabá MT is active again on 5015 kHz, carrying a Voz da Liberdade, 24h program (WRTH National Radio update 25 Jan via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. Olá Arthur, Meus parabéns pelas escutas. Gostaria de pedir um favor a você. No mês passado e começo deste, em Silvânia-Goiás, estava ouvindo todos os dias em 9695 khz a Rádio Rio Mar de Manaus com sinal ótimo 44444 e as vezes 55555. "tinha programa, recheada de muitas músicas, e muita informação. Chegando em Goiânia, tentei monitorá-la várias vezes, e não consegui. Nenhum "sinalzinho". Gostaria de pedir esse favor a você, "olhar" aí, se ela saiu do ar, ou ainda está transmitindo normalmente. Ouvia essa emissora sempre nas manhãs, e a partir das 1500 até às 1700 quando desligavam o transmissor. Desde já agradeço (Cássio Santos - Goiânia-Goiás, Jan 29, to Arthur Raimundo, Manaus, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

I haven't heard it for a long time in the evenings or overnight. Off-frequency, was pretty obvious when anything to hear on 9695.0 (gh)

** BRAZIL. 11815, R. Brasil Central-Goiânia, Jan. 26, fair-poor at 0205, talk in Portuguese; into soft romantic songs at 0208 (Jim Ronda, Tulsa OK, NRD-545, R-75 + two PAR EF-SWL slopers, one external Eavesdropper and one attic-mounted Eavesdropper, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** BULGARIA. So are there some more digital text tests on KBC Radio this week, circa 0130 and -0200 UT Sunday on 9450 via Bulgaria?

Missing are the usual reminders from Kim (Glenn Hauser, UT Jan 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn: We took a week off from the digital text via KBC, but I expect to have more text tests UT 3 Feb (Kim Elliott, VA, ibid.)

Mighty KBC covering the January 27, 2013 broadcast 0000-0200 UT, 9450 kHz. SINPO 45544. Initially some buzzing noises in the signal. Cleared up. I really enjoyed the brief items on not liking school, the cold weather, comparing Blue Diamonds with the Everly Brothers, Netherlands chocolate and 13% flat tax in Russia. I feel these personal items make the Mighty KBC as if a friend is speaking to us instead of simply a broadcast. Job well done! I hope the Mighty KBC get many favorable comments about the broadcast. No digital tests as listeners are told Kim won the lottery and is remodeling his kitchen. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, Manassas, Virginia, USA, ibid.)

A little Dutch shortwave humor from Eric. Rest assured I did not win the lottery, probably because I have never bought a lottery ticket. But I was helping a carpenter reset a sagging cabinet in our kitchen, and that was one of the reasons there was not the usual digital text test on KBC (Kim Elliott, ibid.)

** CANADA. [Re 13-04, CBEF, spurs on 516 and 564 kHz from CBGA-1:] Hi Glenn, CBEF is still on 540 as well as 1550. I am checking them nightly. I have noticed no announcement regarding the official sign on of 1550 but I may have missed it, not being a French speaker. So I am still waiting both of these to go off air. tnx a (Andy Reid, Ont., Jan 27, , DX LISTENING DIGEST)

540, CBGA-1, QC, Matane ñ Apparently is still on the air with CBC French programming. Not listed in AM Radio Log 33rd Edition. Various reports say that this is still around. (MD) (Other Canadian experts are querying CBC and we're awaiting more news ñ WWH.) (Wayne Heinen, Log ed., NRC DX News Jan 14 via DXLD)

And here are NRC AM Log updates from Wayne Heinen: Relatively recent clip ID'ed on RealDX as from CBGA1 Grand Anse NB, so presumably they are indeed still on the air. Bruce Conti also chimed into Real DX, saying he hears CBGA1 as well, not // CBEF-1550. So we'll add it back into to the Log.

540 CBGA1 NB Grande Anse ñ Reinstate with U4 10000/10000; Net: Cf; Format: FF:VAR; // CBGA-FM 102.1 PremiÈre ChaÓne. (AM Switch, NRC DX News Jan 28 via DXLD)

So is 540 CBGA-1 in Grand Anse NB or in Matane QC? The 2011-2012 NRC AM Log had it as ``Grand Anse, Quebec``. Is there another town of that

name in QC? The one in NB is on the NE coast not far from QC. To confuse matters further, the US FCC database has CBGA-1 on 540 in New Carlisle, Quebec! Coordinates given:

47 48' 50.00" N Latitude
65 08' 50.00" W Longitude (NAD 27)
Power: 10.0 kilowatts (kW) Daytime

But that latitude is too far south for New Carlisle, boyhood home of René Levesque; 2011 population 1358 is so small that some maps miss it or from their index, but it's just across Chaleur/Nepisquit Bay from Grand Anse NB at the southern bulge of the Gaspé Aljazeera. But the calls certainly imply Grand Anse. Matane is way over on the north side of the Gaspé on the St-Laurent. Was there once another 540 there? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Re: ``UNIDENTIFIED. 900, Jan 14 at 0644 UT, `Coast to Coast` audible among the QRM, but no affiliates found on 900 at C2C website, either by Google search or by looking at individual likely mid-continent state listings. A new one? Ideas? Should check C2C later in case it's updated (Glenn hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

CHML has Coast to Coast 0100-0500 [EST], per its web site ñ DY (David Yocis, NRC DX News Feb 4)

I didn't think to check for Canada, but anyway
<http://www.coasttocoastam.com/stations/canada>
does not include CHML Hamilton Ont. or any other 900 station. What do they know? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Actually Glenn, CHML has been running C2C for quite some time. What I have noticed is that they're not running // to other stations. IDK if thats a large time-sync, or a different show altogether. Occasionally they also run old-time radio dramas (Paul S. in CT, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn: CHML picked up Coast to Coast very recently when Joy Browne lost her show. CHML is a in-my-lap local here at night (Karl Zuk, circa NYC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CHML has been carrying Coast to Coast for a few weeks. This caused much consternation amongst some OTR fans on the Facebook page for the OTR programming which runs nightly. I guess CHML figured they should run Coast to Coast because you just can't hear it anywhere else :-)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/55302015291/>
(Fred Waterer, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** CANADA. "New" 1220 St. Catharines application denied

The CRTC has denied an application by 8045313 Canada Inc. for a broadcasting licence to operate an English-language commercial AM radio station in St. Catharines and the Niagara Region, Ontario.
<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2013/2013-29.htm>

This would have taken over the old 1220-CHSC facilities. Good news for those of us still trying to log Radio Globo and CJRB-Boissevain from Southern Ontario (Niel Wolfish, Toronto, Jan 30, NRC-AM via DXLD)

** CANADA. Radio has influence
<http://www.cbc.ca/player/Radio/Under+the+Influence/ID/2329222735/>

This is a link to CBC's Under the Influence program about how great radio is today and how well it works. Now there is a change from the usual radio is dying ideas. 73 Best of DX (Shawn Axelrod, VE4DX1SMA, VEPC4SWL, Winnipeg MB, REMEMBER ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN HEAR FOREVER, amfmtvdx at qth.net via DXLD) Viz.:

Under the Influence | Jan 26, 2013 | 27:33
Radio Is Dead. Long Live Radio.

Many advertisers think radio is yesterday's medium, but judging by the work being done today, the opposite is true. We'll tell the story of a German music school that used radio to recruit top music students by making their email address invisible to all but those with perfect pitch, how an entire country's radio stations switched formats one morning to sell a chocolate bar and how the country of Columbia used radio to send a coded message of hope out to kidnapped soldiers (via DXLD)

This is Terry O'Reilly's current show replacing 'Age of Persuasion', etc. Monday & Saturday on CBC Radio One at 11:30 am local = 1530, 1630, 1730, 1830, 1930 UT in timezone shifts. See
<http://www.cbc.ca/undertheinfluence/>
(Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

** CHILE. [Re 13-04:] Wendel, 12130? When was that? I don't remember that frequency ever for CVC Chile, certainly not in A-12, or A-11, checking old Aokis. Hmmm, I do recall that CVC once used 6065 from Chile, and Zambia too, but those were dropped long before the Last Week. Had you heard sometime a second harmonic of that?

Someone else's QSL, I believe Mauricio Molano's, may be seen here:
<http://www.w4uvh.net/CVCQSL.jpg>
(Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

You are right, Glenn ó the correct frequency of my CVC QSL was not

12130. I simply reported the frequency indicated on the QSL card without confirming it by checking my log ó which I should have done. The actual frequency was 17680. My report was for 2052 to 2159 on August 17. Thanks for catching my error (Wendel Craighead, KS, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SCRAPPING OF CALERA DE TANGO TRANSMITTERS

Meanwhile added at the bottom of the report:

http://lagalenadelsur.files.wordpress.com/2012/08/cvccaleradet_16_nov_2012.jpg

See also

<http://diexismovenezolano.blogspot.com/2013/01/chile-correo-urgente-de-antonio-reyes.html>

(Kai Ludwig, Jan 26, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

View of the dismantled transmitter hall (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** CHINA. [Re 13-04]: ``SOH word program only, on
10960 11230 11300 12320 12370 12500 12670 12800 12870 12980 13130
13270 13350 13530 14370 14700 14750 14870 15870 16250 16360 16600
17170 17300 17370 17900 18970 19970 kHz. All noted on remote sdr units
in Asia and Australia (Wolfgang Bueschel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 19,
dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1653, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

28 frequencies! so do you mean they were all clear of jamming?
(Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1653, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

Two thirds of the SOH word program channels were also covered by China word jammer of CNR program (Wolfgang B, schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Memory scan of frequencies with past Firedrake logs, 2013-01-20, 1050-1058 UT:

11500: good
12980: excellent
13130: good
13970: fair
15900: poor
16100: excellent

These logs are based on short audio recordings I made with my phone. Jammed stations are not present in the recordings so I can't comment on that unfortunately. Local interference was extremely low (Eric Weatherall, Eton E5 + telescopic antenna, indoors; while visiting Christchurch, New Zealand, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Mercoledì 23 gennaio 2013, FIREDRAKE:
0927 - 17250 + 16100 (SF-IN)

0932 - 14800 (BN-SF) + 13970 (SF-IN)

0935 - 12370 (SF-IN) (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21,
Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

6970, FIREDRAKE, 2317, typical Chinese music here to block Sound of
Hope. Very weak Jan 24 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, BC, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake Jan 25:

7390, fair at 1409 slightly atop the mix with two signals in Chinese,
i.e. CNR1 jamming and VOA Cantonese via Philippines

11520, very poor at 1415, het on lo side. Neatly matches Aoki listing
for V. of Tibet, 11518 at 1330-1430 via Tajikistan
No other FD found 12-18 MHz until 1424

Firedrake Jan 26 before 0100:

12670, good at 0055

12980, good at 0055

13530, good at 0057, very heavy flutter

13920, good at 0054, very heavy flutter

13970, fair at 0054, very heavy flutter

14800, fair at 0057, with flutter

14980, fair at 0058, with heavy flutter

Instead of the usual quick tuning on the FRG-7 I was using the DX-398
so hastened to step 5 kHz at a time (wearing out the button) as far as
I could before hourtrop, but no more found up to 17300 by 0100.

Firedrake Jan 27:

11500, very poor at 1325, mixing with something? Haven't heard it here
for months. Only target per Aoki is a 0.1 kW Sound of Hope nuisance
transmitter on Taiwan, and no longer any V. of Russia to be
collaterally damaged. No other FDs noted this morning altho did not
perform a complete bandscan (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 4800, Jan 26 at 0043, fair signal in Chinese as I start a
60m session on the chilly porch with DX-398 to avoid household noise
sources. Geermu again, no doubt. See also EAST TURKISTAN (Glenn
Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 5970, Gannan PBS, Gansu,*2250-2330, Jan 11, carrier on at
2244, National Anthem at 2250, ann in Tibetan and Chinese,
instrumental music till 2300, news-like talk in Tibetan from 2300.
Strong signal, but became weaker with the time. No sign on 3990 - I
heard Gannan PBS on 3990 in 2008 (Satoshi Wakisaka, Osaka, Japan,
DSWCI DX Window Jan 23 via DXLD)

Nagoya website wrote Jan 10, that 3990 is off the air. Schedule on

5970: 2220-0130, 0420-0630 and 0950-1430 in Tibetan/Chinese (DSWCI DXW Ed. Anker Petersen, ibid.)

** CHINA. 7435 // weaker and SSB QRhamed 7220, Jan 29 at 1358, Radio Exterior de España interval signal is still being played by the confused ChiCom before CRI's Nepali broadcast; both via Kunming site, but SARFT master control in Beijing is to blame (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. RADIO NACIONAL RECUPERA Y PUBLICA SUS MEMORIAS
Por: Elespectador.com

La compartir con el público lanzando "Historias de Onda Larga", un CD doble con 30 historias radiales.

30 programas radiales de 25 minutos cada uno se condensan en "Historias de Onda Larga", un CD doble que lanzará Radio Nacional para celebrar sus 73 años. Audios de radionovelas, radioteatros, entrevistas a personajes y audios que se hicieron en su momento de grandes episodios como la muerte de Carlos Gardel o la inauguración de la primera radio pública (HJN, 1929), entre muchos otros, hacen parte del trabajo discográfico que será lanzado el próximo primero de febrero.

"Historias de Onda Larga" responde a que "la radio es una experiencia emocional, de los cientos de programas que han pasado por nuestras frecuencias hay unos que se destacan, como 'La hora de los Novios', uno de los más recordados de la frecuencia AM, y, por supuesto, la historia del país se ha oído en la radio privada y pública, una desde lo mal llamado 'culto' (la pública) y otro desde lo 'popular' (la privada)", explica Catalina Ceballos, subgerente de Radio de Radio Nacional de Colombia.

Teniendo en cuenta lo anterior, también está complicado el trabajo de periodistas que han hecho historia de la Radio Nacional, como José María Álvarez DiOrsonville, que entrevistaba a los escritores y ensayistas vigentes en 1950 y medía la cultura nacional, así como espacios que realizaron en 1980 Cecilia Fonseca de Ibáñez, Lorenzo Matos Ordoñez y Jaime Villa Esguerra, cuando Radio Nacional de Colombia cumplió 40 años.

Carlos Páramo, uno de los investigadores que lideró este proyecto, explica que el trabajo en la radio de los años 50 era, por lo general, empírico. "Se aprendía haciendo y su característica principal era el gran ingenio para resolver problemas". "Por ejemplo, muchas transmisiones de ciclismo se hacían a través de teléfonos públicos a los que había que ponerles una moneda cada minuto y eso hacía parte del espectáculo", recuerda Dora Brausin, de la Fonoteca de Radio

Nacional de Colombia.

El proyecto "Historias de Onda Larga" comenz  en 2007 cuando los investigadores y Ana Mar a Lara y P ramo se dedicaron a o r m s de 100 grabaciones y a entrevistar a locutores, t cnicos, radioactores y periodistas, as  como a oyentes que como adultos hablaron de los recuerdos de infancia.

De esa investigaci n naci  la producci n que adem s de hacer un an lisis de la radio, tiene fragmentos de programas, m sica y entrevistas. Adem s, incluye textos explicativos para videntes y tambi n en Braille.

"Historias de Onda Larga" ser  lanzado el pr ximo primero de febrero y podr  ser adquirido (desde las 6 de la ma ana) en el sitio web Radionacionaldecolombia.gov.co y en el tel fono 2200700 (Bogot ). Los oyentes que se comuniquen este viernes con Radio Nacional y Radi nica tambi n podr n tener este disco que estar  disponible en las bibliotecas p blicas y universitarias. Todos los audios del trabajo discogr fico se podr n escuchar en <http://Fonoteca.gov.co>

FUENTE:

<http://www.elespectador.com/entretenimiento/arteygente/medios/articulo-401923-radio-nacional-recupera-y-publica-sus-memorias>

Imagen: "Historias de Onda Larga", 73 a os de la Radio Nacional.

(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia <https://twitter.com/Nxdelaradio> DXLD)

Looks good, but they got the very title of all this wrong. It was of course on mediumwave, not longwave (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** CONGO DR [non]. 11690, 0400 18/01, AFS, R. Opaki, Meyerton, French, ID, news by YL, S7 to S8, splatter from 11680 RHC (Fl vio PY2ZX Arch,ngelo, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11690, SOUTH AFRICA, R. Okapi-Meyerton, Jan. 25, poor with some peaks to fair at 0442. man and woman speaking in French; the content was clearly about Mali; the unmistakable singing R. Okapi IDs at 0447 (hard to know these days who has the more memorable singing IDs   Dabanga or Okapi) (Jim Ronda, Tulsa OK, NRD-545, R-75 + two PAR EF-SWL slopers, one external Eavesdropper and one attic-mounted Eavesdropper, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

Congo (Kinshasa): Radio Okapi --- Dear Glenn, concerning your question on Radio Okapi,

  130121 11795, 1604-1610, No signal from R Okapi. Not in my QTH nor in Netherlands. (Jorge Freitas DXLD)

So is this transmission off the air, and how about the other one? O, WRTN 2013 already showed only one: 04-05 on 11690 via Meyerton. Latest EiBi and HFCC also show only the 11690. Aoki still has 11795 via UAE dated Oct 26- (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)``

I have the following in my files:

I think I remember the evening transmission being listed in the HFCC files for winter 2012/13 because I myself reported it this way, although it is not there any more. In October Wolfgang B,schel reported the station:

121028 11795.037

R Okapi UAE Al Dhabbaya 16-17 UT, ID and TX off at 1659:45, after 5 seconds FEBA IS til 1700:20 UT (Wolfgang B,schel, Sunday October 28, 2012, DXLD)

The website <http://radiookapi.net/> only mentions the morning transmission 0400-0500 h on 11690 kHz, but has done so for a long time. Kind regards, Hj (Dr. Hansjoerg Biener - Neulichtenhofstr. 7 - DE-90461 N,urnberg, <http://www.biener-media.de> DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 16180: Estava no ar agora mesmo atÉ as 2150 UT uma estaÁ,,o de n´meros que usava um programa de minha autoria: o DIGTRX 2.14D, modulando em AM!!! Consegui decodificar varias transmissies digitais, enviados como textos (por ex.: 65272461.txt), mas s,,o codificados de forma totalmente estranha.

... muito interessante que uma vers,,o ultrapassada do meu programa seja usada atÉ hoje!!! E n,,o É de hoje que esta estaÁ,,o usa o meu programa, Vejam aqui:

<http://www.qsl.net/py4zbz/en.htm>

73 de (Roland PT4ZBZ, Jan 25, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

1/2 off topic, Novamente R´dio de N´meros 16180 kHz agora!

Ol., Confiram: Sinal muito, muito fraco de uma r´dio de n´meros na l´ngua espanhola na frequencia de 16180 AM, Dever´ transmitir atÉ pr´ximo das 20:00h PT2 ou 2200 UT. 73

(Roger Viscardi F.R.C., PY2RGR Guaruj´ - SP

23 56'43. 51 "S" 46 18'17. 44 "O", "GG66ub33kc``

T´cnico em ManutenÁ,,o Aeron´utica, roger_viscardi@ yahoo.com.br

[13] 8121 0366 TIM, CANTAREIRA DX, CWJF 454, LABRE-SP Jan 26, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Escutei aqui Roger, um pouco fraco, mas com a transmiss,,o RDFT do meu DIGTRX bem audível, mas n,,o decodific´vel hoje. Interessante que comeÁou as 19:10 [UT -2?] com uma programaÁ,,o "normal" de broadcast,

pena que não gravei. Achei referência ao DIGTRX aqui, na página 84:

<http://www.brogers.dsl.pipex.com/enigma2000/newsletters/En43.pdf>

Isso está ficando interessante! Agora, 21:30 local, está em 17540 kHz, com muito QSB. E decodifiquei vários arquivos .TXT, porém com conteúdo criptografado. 73 de (Roland. Py4zbz, ibid.)

Decodificada em Sete Lagoas, em 17540 kHz! Vejam aqui:

<http://www.qsl.net/py4zbz/en.htm>

73 de (Roland, 27 Jan, ibid.)

Puxei os dois programas, tanto para o w7 quanto para versões anteriores, mas nenhum funcionou (César Augusto Merlin, 27 Jan, ibid.)

César e demais radioescutas, Vejam aqui o vídeo do DIGTRX decodificando a estação de números cubana HM01 :

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-miT0KTV5g>

usando o arquivo de áudio postado no meu site em

<http://www.qsl.net/py4zbz/en.htm>

73 de (Roland, Jan 28, ibid.)

Cuban Voice and Digital Number Station heard today (28 Jan 2013) on the 25 meter band --- While looking for more countries for the ODXA Contest I stumbled on an interesting Cuban number station operating on 11640 kHz in the AM mode. Unlike the old style Cuban numbers stations that broadcast groups of five digit numbers in Spanish, this new updated spy/numbers station operates in both voice and digital. I tuned in at 1820 GMT and heard a female announcer in Spanish with a single block of five digits spoken in voice in Spanish. This lasted about 3 seconds. This was followed by about 45 seconds of a digital mode broadcast and then another single block of five digits again followed by a digital signal, etc.

A little research turned up that this station is using a mode known as SK01 a "RDFT" or Redundant Digital File Transfer digital signal. I will assume that these digital broadcasts are encrypted.

The numbers and digital signal stopped between 1824:44 and about 1825. The female announcer returned at 1828 with a long string non-stop of numbers in Spanish until between 1831.20 to 1831.30 at which time the female announcer returned to a single group of five digits lasting about three seconds followed by about 45 seconds of the SK01 a "RDFT" or Redundant Digital File Transfer digital signal in between the five digit number group broadcast by the female in voice.

The station was still on at 1838 when I stopped listening. I checked back at 1851 and still there with a very weak signal with both the

five digit voice and the SK01 digital.

The signal was declining in signal strength from fair to poor the time I tuned in at 1820 and when I re-checked at 1851. I would expect a better signal from Habana at this time of day. An interesting mystery in the middle of my country hunting. 73 (Steve Handler, IL, Jan 28, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Steve, You'll find this one referenced as "HM01" going back to (at least) November of 2012. It's been logged on many of the usual V02a spots. Google "HM01 mixed mode" and you'll find some interesting stuff. Cheers! (Bob westiewylie, ibid.)

?? A regular here in the afternoons after 2100, but on 11635, not 11640, e.g. my log on last Dec 14 (gh, DXLD)

Nova transmiss o da r dio de n meros em espanhol agora em 17540 kHz;
Deve terminar pelas 00:00h UT quando entra a RADIO HABANA em 17705
73 de (Roger Viscardi F.R.C., PY2RGR Guaruj  - SP
23 56'43. 51 "S" 46 18'17. 44 "O" "GG66ub33kc``
T cnico em Manuten  o Aeron utica, roger_viscardi@ yahoo.com. br
[13] 8121 0366 TIM CANTAREIRA DX CWJF 454 LABRE-SP, radioescutas yg
via DXLD)

Are you implying some connexion? Perish the thought. Another ``now`` log without giving a real time! Timestamp on the post is 10:42 pm Jan 29 but with SP on UT -2, that would be 0042 UT already Jan 30. Maybe his computer clock is still on UT -3? (gh, DXLD)

Decodifiquei 7 arquivos diferentes e descobri que cada um   retransmitido apos certo tempo, o que permite corre  o de erros autom tica pelo DIGTRX com blocos recebidos corretamente em transmiss o anterior. Vejam aqui o DIGTRX em a  o:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GIARWlm9Wtc>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uP06rIlXmDM>
73 de (Roland, PY4ZBZ, ibid.)

** CUBA [and non]. [Re 13-04:] My apology for needed date correction 11 Jan. on this log: 5025, Radio Rebelde, 0146, Dave Valko Tip that Rebelde was off the air, reports on SM [social media?] second signal being heard, Mark Coady reporting 5040 Cuba on the air. Seemed transmitter issue, 0320 back for good after one false start. Never heard Peru behind, as Cuba transmitter hum seemed present. Charles Bolland and XM have tent. logs of Peru on 5025 when Havana low power. 11 January [not 10 Jan] (Mark Coady, Dave Valko & Bob Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 6125, Jan 26 at 0705, I find RHC is still on, strong signal

with distorted Spanish, then cuts off. Supposed to end in English at 0700.

The UT Jan 27 screwups, ahem, anomalies, so far at RHC:

5040, Jan 27 at 0551, dead air during Spanish block; 0554 some music starts, unlike what was on the four 49m English channels.

15340, Jan 27 at 1415, usual Sunday situation with dead air, during which I heard HCJB, see AUSTRALIA, but by 1419 has resumed modulation with 'Amigos de Cuba' mailbag.

11880, Jan 27 at 2140 check, RHC is in proper Portuguese this Sunday instead of Esperanto as last Sunday. 15370 at 2243 check, ``Guantanamo`` is playing, maybe in Esperanto version, but couldn't tell from the many refrains ``guajira, guantanamo`` which are apparently untranslatable. Then talk in Espo.

Noisy blobs all over the 25 m band, Jan 28 from 1322: first noticed circa 11845 and 11874, no intelligible music or talk modulation, but a constant-pitch whine which matches on these and all the rest. At first I suspect RHC 11860 transmitter as the source, but these are not exactly the same plus and minus from it, and as I tune on down, many more are encountered every 13-15 kHz or so, to as low as 11580 area.

Many have no exact carriers and can be heard better in AM mode than with BFO. First rough finds are circa: 11745, 11731, 11718, 11703, 11674; also 11788, 11801, 11816, 11827, 11888, 11901, 11914, 11954. The separations here are, also approx.: 14, 13, 15, 29, 13, 15, 11, 61, 13, 13, 40. Common factor 13-14 kHz.

By now it's 1347 and at this point I am suspecting Anguilla 11775 could be the source. But at 1353 I can barely hear the same pitch whine under the otherwise good modulation on 11760 RHC. At 1404 I notice the noise also QRMing 11775 but its level fluxuates with fades, and the offsets do not match that exactly. Some of them do have carriers and make hets with nearby victims, e.g. 11815 REE Costa Rica, where the het on the hi side is circa $F\#6 = 1480$ Hz. Call it 11816.5. If 11760 is the source, that's 56.5 kHz above, fourth multiple of 14.125.

At 1530 they are still going, and on the YB400 BFO 1 kHz steps I estimate several of them as: 11674.9, 11703.1, 11732.4, 11788.4, 11816.9, 11832.4, 11845.1, 11873.6. The intervals between these are: 28.2, 29.3, 56.0, 28.5, 15.5, 12.7, 28.5. The common factor here is somewhere around 14 kHz. Possibly some carriers from other sources got in, to explain the disparities; also the spurs themselves vary somewhat over time.

It only remains to monitor the RHC sign-off circa 1600, listening to one of the spurs (11703) on one radio, and 11760 on another, both with BFO to hear exactly when the transmitter is turned off. Yes, both disappear at exactly the same instant, 1600:28* after announcing they will continue on ``Audio Real`` (meaning Windows Media) until resuming SW at 2200. Such a panoply of spurs from awful RHC transmitters has happened several times before, a fine old anomaly, but bad news for all the other stations: RHC the worst neighbor possible (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Circa 1510 Jan 29, RHC fails to transmit a galaxy of spurs surrounding 11760 today, unlike yesterday; what's wrong? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. See ETHIOPIA, about a Radio Tatek, which allegedly served Cubans troops involved in Ethiopia, 1978-1989. I had *never* heard of this before, and assume it was not on shortwave. WTFK?

Googling on the name gets some hits, mostly about the latest event, but here is one with a bit more info:

RADIO TATEK: Emisora de radio cubana en Etiopía
Enviado por ei en enero 21, 2013 ñ 16:09 pm
<http://eichikawa.com/2013/01/radio-tatek-emisora-de-radio-cubana-en-etipia.html>

``En marzo de 1978 la guerra en Etiopía habíã parado y la misiûn militar cubana buscaba ocupar el tiempo de la tropa, compuesta en su mayoría por jûvenes. Un tiempo antes funcionû en una unidad del valle de Tatek, cerca de Addis Abeba, una iRadio Baseî que adem's de las ûrdenes del dĩa transmitía m'sica y algunas noticias. Ese fue el antecedente de RADIO TATEK, que estuvo a punto de llamarse RADIO BARAGUA. Funcionû como radio cubana en Etiopía entre 1978 y 1990, transmitiendo entre 8 y 10 horas diarias. Rafael Ramîrez Fern·ndez y JosÈ Luis Vidal han escrito un libro testimonio sobre esa experiencia.``

Googling also led to a pdf of an old FBIS report about this; it's on pp 83-84 of the document, pdf pages 89-90 at
<http://www.dtic.mil/cgi-bin/GetTRDoc?AD=ADA350979>
from Latin America Report, 15 May 1985:

``RECRUITMENT, DAILY LIFE OF SOLDIERS IN ETHIOPIA
Havana CUBA INTERNACIONAL in Spanish Feb 85 pp 20-29
[Article by Ciro Bianchi Ross: "Ethiopia's Shield of Steel"]

Tatek Means Firmness

Tatek is a place near Addis Ababa which is a symbol of the patriotic and libertarian traditions of Ethiopia. In ancient times, it was here that the warriors thanks to whom the nation could maintain its independence were trained. In the era of the Somali aggression, it was here that the militiamen who then joined the battle against the invader were trained. In the national language, Amharic, the word "tatek" means "firmness."

Named after the site at which it was first located, the first Cuban internationalist radio broadcasting station was named "Tatek" by the troops assigned to Ethiopia. It has been in operation 6 years now, and is presently located in the city of Harar.

The radio broadcasting station was established shortly after the end of the conflict between Somalia and Ethiopia. It was established on the initiative of the command and political section of the mission, and this idea won the immediate support of the workers at the Cuban Institute of Radio and Television (ICRT) who were sent to this African country.

"This station began as a radio base, and it now broadcasts more than 50 hours a week. Its programming includes a daily news report and serial dramas. Time between the programs is filled with music, the same as is heard in Cuba, which is sent regularly by the ICRT through the Central Political Office of the Revolutionary Armed Forces." This information was provided by Augusto Rodríguez, a television director who is at present the director of Radio Tatek. He is 33 years old and has contributed to the production of a number of programs which have played stellar roles on Cuban television. The organization for which he works chose him to carry out this task in Ethiopia.

A small team assists Augusto Rodríguez in his work. It includes Aida [no accents in this translation, some inserted by gh] Martínez, a journalist from Havana Radio City, who has been associated with the internationalist broadcasting station for more than 20 months. There she has combined her previous profession with a job which she has come to love ó announcing. Immediately after reveille, Aida's voice reaches the soldiers with a news summary of events in Cuba and the world.

"The Radio Tatek team," Aida says, "does not sit quietly at the broadcasting station. It pays visits to the Cuban units and in addition participates in the maneuvers on the firing range, using mobile equipment under field conditions to broadcast on these occasions. It organizes meetings with Radio Tatek in the military units and performances created by the soldiers themselves, and sponsors amateur competitions in various artistic fields ó music, singing, dancing. The winners represent the Cuban mission at the festivals of armed forces performers held in Cuba."

As these pages are being written, Aida is already back at her radio station in Havana. Before her return she was presented with the Distinguished Service Award. Augusto Rodríguez is still in Ethiopia. Both these individuals are civilians who chose voluntarily and for a period of time to go into military life.

Workers like them are making it possible for Cuban soldiers located more than 18,000 kilometers from their fatherland to maintain contact with the reality in Cuba and to receive warm messages from it by this means.

5157 CS0: 3248/319``

(via Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Comments on jamming: see also GUIANA FRENCH, PERU

** CUBA [non]. MEJORA LA RECEPCIÓN DE RADIO MARTÍ EN CUBA
by gruporadioescuchaargentino

La escucha de Radio Martí, en la recién concluida semana, ha mejorado. Oyentes en la isla dan testimonio de la escucha en diferentes territorios, inclusive en la misma capital habanera.

Oscar Benítez, quien reside en el municipio de Santo Domingo, provincia de Villa Clara, comento al respecto --- yo no sé qué está pasando pero, ahora escucho 'radio Pepe' (popularmente los cubanos llaman así a la emisora) mejor que nunca, mientras que habitantes de las municipalidades de Quemado de Güines y Sagua la Grande coinciden con el criterio de Oscar agregando que ahora tienen la opción de escuchar también Radio Martí por la emisora Radio Caracol en las noches.

Durante los últimos años los cubanos se quejaban de la mala recepción en la isla de Radio Martí una emisora descrita por los cubanos 'por la exactitud y prontitud de la noticia'. Recepción que ha mejorado en las últimas semanas.

Un vecino del capitalino municipio de Playa comentaba en una bodega -- oye lo que más me está gustando son los cambios que están existiendo en la programación, fíjate que durante estos días han estado hablando hasta de un Martí diferente al que conocemos, lo que me da tremenda rabia es que aún la TV no la podemos ver, pero los tiempos cambianó finalizó el anciano. (tomada de Martí Noticias) (via GRA blog; also FUENTE:

<http://www.martinoticias.com/content/cuba-emisora-radio-marti-audicion/18908.html>
via Yimber Gaviria, DXLD)

Says that Radio Martí reception improved in the past week at various

locations inside Cuba. This article is so vague as to be meaningless. Are they talking about SW or MW? Or only the relay via Radio Caracol? This surely refers to the station by that name in Miami, WSUA 1260, where RM has been carried for some time, NOT the Colombian network. It's hard to believe this regional channel signal gets into Cuba very well at night with all the QRM existing in the first place, altho it is running 50/20 kW. WRTM shows only one Cuban on 1260, 2.5 kW at Media Luna.

At <http://www.caracol1260.com/>

can't find a program schedule showing exactly when R. Marti is on, but suspect it's mainly for the benefit of exiles in Miami.

FCC nite pattern map

http://transition.fcc.gov/ftp/Bureaus/MB/Databases/AM_DA_patterns/1167872-97536.pdf

shows major lobe to the SE, i.e. eastern Cuba, null to the SW = Habana (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DJIBOUTI. 4780, RTD Atta, 0311-0324, Jan 24, Arabic; Call to Prayer in progress; M & W announcers with talk from 0313; poor in ECCS-USB under band QRN & occasional ALE bursts (Scott R. Barbour Jr., Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4780, 0330 to 0338 nice to end your day with some of that wonderful Horn of Africa music, 27 Jan (XM, Cedar Key - South Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E-5, via Bob Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EAST TURKISTAN. 5060, Jan 26 at 0045, fair signal in Chinese nicely spaced between two much stronger US stations; of course, it's PBS Xinjiang, Urumqi (which so many including Aoki insist on misspelling Urumqui --- the ``Q has to be followed by U`` rule is inapplicable in Chinese orthography, as the Q does not even represent a K sound.) Still in at 0113 but declined to very poor signal.

4980, Jan 26 at 0046, Turkic-sounding talk, axually Uighur service, another 100 kW at Wulumuchi (alternate spelling of Urumqi) from PBS Xinjiang.

4850, Jan 29 at 0057 weak signal with some program modulation vs hi local noise level. Must be PBS Xinjiang, Kazakh service, 100 kW, ND from Urumqi as per Aoki, at 2340-0325; nothing else scheduled. BTW, following my recent remark, I see that Aoki has corrected all the spellings from ``Urumqui``!

4980, 5060 and 4850, Jan 31 at 0047-0048, the Urumqi trio all audible with different PBS Xinjiang services, Uighur, Chinese and Kazakh respectively. 4980 with Turkic talk, 5060 definitely Chinese, and 4850 too poor to tell (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See ETHIOPIA

** ECUADOR. Contacto -- Centro Radiofónico de Imbabura: He recibido correo electrónico confirmando mi reporte a la recepción a la señal 3380 kHz del Centro Radiofónico Imbabura; el informe fue confirmado por el Señor Luis Adriano Calero Rojas, quien es el gerente - propietario de la emisora, ...l es colombiano y tiene un página web con programas que produce en <http://www.radionuevahumanidad.com> Me comenta que ha creado una dirección electrónica para recibir los informes de recepción en: C.R.I.INTERNACIONAL@hotmail.com [sic] (Rafael Rodríguez R., Bogotá D.C. - COLOMBIA, Jan 29, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** EGYPT. Koran chanting on approx 9190.96 --- I am hearing Koran chanting on approx 9190+. Anybody know who it is? Nothing in Eibi. 9190.96 approx., Koran chanting, 0219z. Bothered 0220 by OTHR briefly. Jan 29th 2013. Received on the websdr at the university of Twente, Netherlands (Robin Harwood VK7RH, Norwood, Tasmania 7250, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, Robin, Still on the air. I searched on the signals of Arab broadcasters with reading the Koran. I found the Voice of Iran on 7350, but is not the same transmission. At 0312 still with Koran chanting. Listening in Twente, NL. No signal in my QTH. 73 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, Brasil, ibid.)

Modulation seems to vary as does the frequency, now 9191.21. Could be spurious but who? (Robin Harwood VK7RH, Norwood, Tasmania 7250, 0318 UT Jan 29, ibid.)

It is still there but yes carrier may be going down indicating greyline. May be related to Horn of Africa as too early for Mali. (Robin VK7RH, Norwood, Tasmania 7250, 0322 UT, ibid.)

Did I hear an announcement about 0324? Back with Koran chanting but signal varies (Robin VK7RH, ibid.)

Jorge and I have been following an UNID on 9191v with Koranic chanting. I first heard it at around 0230 approx and it was then on 9190.96 but drifted down [sic] to 9191.21 when heard later. It is now 0347 and although the carrier is still there, it fluctuates. I am pretty certain I did hear some announcements. At times it is drowned out by OTHR pulses, presumably from Aktori [sic] Cyprus. I am surmising that judging by the decreasing signal the sender is in daylight, presumably the Horn of Africa or close by. The Koran chanting lasted for over an hour so definitely an Islamic station. Anybody have any ideas where it is possibly located? (Robin L. Harwood VK7RH, Editor - "Spotlight on SWLing" - Amateur Radio magazine, ibid.)

Look for matching audio anywhere in 9 MHz band (Glenn Hauser, *ibid.*)

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Hi Glenn, I did this and found nothing. In 7350 I found the Voice Iran with the reading of the Quran, but the transmission was not the same. The reading of the Qur'an continued until the signal is almost not audible modulation at 0345, when I turned off the radio. Link of the recording
<http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006/14191446/>
73 (Jorge Freitas, *ibid.*)

Glenn, was Sudan from Omdurman at one time on 9200? It would fit the timeframe and content. It didn't sound as if it was a spurious transmission either (Robin Harwood VK7RH, *ibid.*)

It could be as recently I found 7200 kHz also with better signals, so it needs to be monitored if the 9200 reactivated and drifted down to 9191 kHz (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, W.B., India, *ibid.*)

Scheduled at Al Fitahab [SUDAN]:

100 kW ITU antenna type #804
log-periodic horizontal
804 LPH 16/33.9/3.1/36.9/1.5/26/600

visible 3 x revolving type horizontals at
15 35 12.68 N 32 26 44.46 E
<http://goo.gl/maps/ej7G4>

7200 Sudan 03-22 UT, 210 degr,
9505 Sudan 04-08 UT, 110 degr,
16-22 UT, 210 degr.

Reported also in the past on 11650 and 15725 kHz.

PTT Khartoum was 9220 kHz, Khartoum Air 9212 and 9231 kHz.
{according Klingenfuss lists} (Wolfgang B,schell, *ibid.*)

Hello DXers, I gave it a try, it is the Fajr (Dawn) prayers. What you heard [referring to Jorge's clip?] was the preparation for the prayer, followed by Allah Akbar which is the start of the prayers. Based on the accent, I can tell this is Egypt, but I need to make sure about the time of transmission, as the Dawn prayers are around 0325 UT here in Cairo, so they start transmitting live from a mosque around 0300

UT. Hope that helps a bit. All the best from Cairo, Egypt (Tarek Zeidan, Sent from my iPad, Jan 29, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, ibid.)

I thought about Egypt. When Robin spoke about the gray line, Egypt coincided with that. 73 (Jorge Freitas, ibid.)

EGYPT. R Cairo, 9191.013 kHz at 0012 UT on Jan 30: S=9 signal in Germany.

EX 0000-0700 9305 ABS 250 kW 315 deg NoAM Arabic General Service

separate program in English on 9965 kHz. 73 wb (Wolfgang B, schel, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I rather suspected this, and am about to check it too, but the ex-frequency should be 9905, which replaced 9305 months ago (Glenn, 0048 UT Jan 30, ibid.)

If it is on-air now (0230-0315), it is not making it to South Africa. Not even a trace of carrier. But then, over the past 45 minutes I have been up and down the bands and very little else is making it. Very poor tonight. Jo'burg sunrise about half an hour away at 0341. Regards, (Bill Bingham, RSA, ibid.)

Thanks to all who have identified the station I came across yesterday on 9191v. Very strange as if it is Cairo; it wasn't distorted at all which is usually the case. At present I can see a very weak carrier on the Twente University websdr but cannot see any modulation yet (Robin Harwood VK7RH, Norwood, Tasmania 7250, 0324 UT Jan 30, ibid.)

EGYPT, 9191.018, Today Cairo is n o t very strong, only S=6 signal. News 0000 till 0004 UT, Jan 31. Was previous 2 decades on 9305 kHz instead, but only in A-12 changed to 9905 kHz. Compared to 9965 kHz in English, which is S=9+45 dB powerhouse in southern Germany tonight. At same time 11540 kHz S=9 signal, BUT VERY LOW MODULATION. And 13855 kHz S=5 and fluttery, but azimuth is elsewhere, and only tiny sidelobe propagate into central Europe.

PS: now I'll check 9362 kHz a spurious Spanish broadcast noted at 0012 UT, and some scratching different spurious signal on 9346 to 9354 kHz 73 wb (B, schel, Germany, ibid.)

Can't see a thing on my Perseus at 0040, on the WCNA (Walt Salmani, Victoria, BC, UT Jan 31, ibid.)

Noted another R Cairo broadcast on 9720 kHz from Abu Zabaal site tonight at 0050 UT, scheduled Spanish, English at 0045-0300 UT, S=9+30dB signal to Central America azimuth, but very, very low

modulation, I guess only 3% mod heard on my earphones. R Cairo's English service on 9965 kHz produces a broadband signal on 9932 to 9998 kHz range !! [as if registered:]

9191	1900	0700	8,9,27,28	ABS	250	315	Ara
9720	0045	0330	6,7	ABZ	250	330	Spa,Eng
9965	2300	0430	8,9	ABS	200	325	Eng,Ara

Compared both 9191 signals of Jan 30 and Jan 31, I GUESS - the Egyptian engineers reduced undoubtedly the power of this 9191/9305 meant broadcast tonight!

It is past time for Radio Cairo revise their transmitters, but I think that while there is some signal in the transmitter, even if it is totally distorted and interfering, they will continue to transmit. Is there any transmission without a problem? Is there a transmission in which the listener hears all the program without interruption? The transmission in Portuguese for years: do not hear anything, just the carrier. 73 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, Brasil, *ibid.*)

The Radio Cairo transmitters have been a mess for decades. The last time I recall hearing consistently good modulation was during the early years of the Sadat regime. Gamal Abdul Nasser seemed to take International broadcasting seriously, probably due to his Pan-Arabist philosophy and his desire to be a key world leader. Always good reception of Radio Cairo in the 1960's (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, *ibid.*)

9191.018, 31/Jan, 0111, EGYPT, R Cairo in Arabic(?). A dramatization, radionovela. I compared with all other frequencies that are now on air and none are equal. S=6 as said Wolfgang. Listening in remote radio in Twente, NL and no signal in my QTH (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, Brasil, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Early UT Jan 29 there were several reports on the DXLD yg of Qur'an on 9190v. What could it be? Tarek Zeidan later identified the accent as Egyptian, and the prayers were for dawn, which should not start until around 0300 UT in Cairo.

Then at 0057 UT Jan 30, I start monitoring, but nothing to be heard around 9190. Or 9905. 9965 is on the air. (There is also a weak blob of something around 9258 which turns out to be a spur from Guiana French q.v. 9490.) Note that Cairo formerly used several frequencies in the 9200-9300+ range, but never intentionally below 9200.

I have noticed previously that the 9905 transmitter altho scheduled straight thru 00-07, often was not on the air during the first hours of that span (nor was 9305 which it replaced).

At 0105, as I have the BFO on 9190 at 0107, I briefly hear a VFO swishing back and forth across --- maybe that's the Cairo transmitter, very unstable, but it doesn't stick.

Another check at 0249: still no 9190; some wandering signal like a sounder crosses weak WINB 9265, soon up across 9285. At 0255 I find that 9905 is on the air with Qur'an; 9965 other Arabic service is just barely modulated; 9720, the English frequency is just a humbuzz; and still nothing around 9190. Other monitors were not hearing it tonight either, except Wolfy earlier. It appears at this time that Cairo is back to abnormal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 11890, Radio Cairo; 2221-2227+, 27-Jan; English pop tune at tune-in into "(Cairo) Presents" at 222:40 [sic]; W in English speaking slowly and enunciating well, but can still only catch a word here & there due to the distortion. SI0=442 with muted, buzzy audio & splash from 11880 [RHC supposedly to Africa]. Listed // 12050 covered by Spanish religion -- probably WEWN (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12050 surely not a // but an alternate. HFCC has both with same parameters, Abis 200 kw, 325 degrees to CIRAF 27,28. HFCC admin is try to get these wooden-registrations weeded out. Good luck (gh, DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 15190, Radio Africa, 1606, Jan 24. Usual woman reading a letter from a listener and Tony Alamo commenting. Jan 23 also heard Alamo at 1547; both days poor (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Etûn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA. [Re 13-04, COUP ALERT!!] Pittsburgh Post says it's a coup that failed, while Fox News and IBTimes claim it never happened. ABC News cites a "senior Eritrean diplomat" who said it never happened. Who's right?

***** I will continue to be an impossible person so long as those who are now possible remain possible (Clara Listensprechen, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED AT THE MINISTRY OF (DIS)INFORMATION?
Reporters sans Frontiers (France) / Friday, 25 January 2013

The Eritrean capital, Asmara, saw an uprising on 21 January that was both unexpected and short-lived. Around 100 soldiers staged a mutiny and stormed the information ministry. The army responded by surrounding the building with tanks. After a 12-hour interruption, the state broadcast media resumed their normal programming, the mutineers withdrew and officials went home.

What really happened that day at the information ministry? Some information began to filter out the next day, and more has emerged since then. But it has not been easy to follow events as they happened. And establishing what this incident means and what it may bode for the future is even harder.

Eritrea is one of the world's most closed countries and has one of the last totalitarian dictatorships. The mystery surrounding the events of 21 January and the chorus of denials and contradictory comments on social networks are the logical consequence of a situation in which privately-owned media have been banned since 2001 and no foreign press correspondents have been permitted since 2010.

This Horn of Africa country is ranked last in the Reporters Without Borders press freedom index and is Africa's biggest prison for journalists, with at least 30 detained. Seven have died or committed suicide in detention as a result of the appalling conditions.

When the only media allowed to operate inside a country are government-run propaganda mouthpieces, the exile media play a key role. This is the case with Radio Erena, an independent radio station based in Paris and supported by Reporters Without Borders. It was Radio Erena that sounded the alert. We will get back to this. First the facts.

Early on the morning of 21 January, around 100 mutineers took up positions in the information ministry, an enormous ochre-coloured building known as "Forto," which sits atop a small hill overlooking Asmara.

The rebel soldiers quickly gathered all the employees "in the same room" and then Asmelash Abreha, the head of state-owned Eri-TV, which broadcasts from within the complex, was forced to begin reading a communiqué on the air.

The communiqué called for implementation of the 1997 constitution, which has been suspended since the 1998-2000 war against Ethiopia, and for the release of political prisoners and all those who were arrested while trying to flee the country illegally across its land borders. After he had read the first two sentences, the TV station's over-the-air signal was suddenly cut and its satellite signal began broadcasting archive footage. Army tanks quickly surrounded the building. They also reportedly took up protective positions at the presidential palace, located just a few hundred metres away, and at the airport. The rest of the city apparently remained calm but communication with the outside world became very complicated.

After being off the air all day, Eri-TV resumed broadcasting at around 10 p.m. with news from Europe. "Snow in Paris is disrupting the everyday activities of the French," the news programme announced. The mutineers withdrew in the evening, and the information ministry's 500 or so employees all went home. The next morning they were all back at work, as usual.

According to reports from various sources, including the opposition exile website Awate.com, it seems that the mutiny was led by four people - Col. Saleh Osman, two majors and a captain - but was spontaneous and not very organized. Col Osman was a hero of the anti-Ethiopian resistance in the port city of Assab during the 1998-2000 war.

What happened to the mutineers and how was the situation resolved? The authorities did not make any arrests. "The mutineers withdrew peacefully," said journalist Léonard Vincent, the author of a book about Eritrea, speaking on Radio France Internationale. In fact, not a single shot was fired.

An Eritrean interviewed by Reporters Without Borders and Martin Plaut, in a post entitled "21 January in perspective" on his blog, both said the incident resembled one in 1993, a few days before Eritrea's independence declaration, when a few ex-fighters staged a brief mutiny to demand their back pay.

To this end, they surrounded the office of the future president, Issaias Afewerki, then a hero of the liberation and head of the single party, the People's Front for Democracy and Justice. The situation was quickly resolved by means of negotiation, but some of the ex-fighters were later arrested or disappeared.

But never since independence in 1993 has Eri-TV's programming been interrupted as it was on 21 January.

Although just embryonic and ephemeral, this week's uprising quickly drew the attention of the international community, foreign media and Eritrean diaspora because Eritrea is an extremely authoritarian country where fear is universal and any form of protest seems inconceivable.

At first there was complete silence from the government. The first official comment came the next day from Yemane Gebremeskel, the president's senior adviser, who said: "All is calm today, as it was indeed yesterday."

Comments followed from a few Eritrean officials based abroad, including the ambassador to the United Nations, Araya Desta; the

ambassador to the African Union, Girma Asmerom; the ambassador to Japan; and the consuls in Australia and South Africa. All played down the incident and criticized "garbage reports" in foreign media in the pay of "Eritrea's enemies."

"The government is insisting that the situation is under control while reluctantly admitting that there was an incident," Léonard Vincent wrote.

Meanwhile, the exile opposition and government supporters waged a furious battle on social networks. Rahel Weldeab, who works for the pro-government National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students, ed: "People in Asmara are going about their daily lives while 'experts on the Horn' cry coup (...) I live right near the airport, nothing is happening."

Another person on Twitter criticized the comments about the human rights situation in Eritrea and said that freedom of information was respected because journalism is taught at school. The exact message says : "And you can be a journalist in Eritrea. They even teach journalism in school. I don't know wtf you talking about".

Amanuel Ghirmai, an Eritrean exile journalist with Radio Erena, was extensively quoted by all the international news media on 21 January. Throughout the day, international media turned to the Paris-based independent radio station to find out what was happening in Asmara. And for good reason. Radio Erena was the first radio station to report that an incident was unfolding in the Eritrean capital. Alerted early in the morning, the station took to the air at 9 a.m. (Paris time), an hour earlier than usual, and continued to follow events as they happened.

With support from Reporters Without Borders, Radio Erena was launched in June 2009 by a group of Eritrean exile journalists. Headed by Biniam Simon, a former Eri-TV star anchor, it relies on a network of local correspondents and contributors. Its independently-reported news and information provide an alternative to the government's propaganda. Because of its success and the quality of its programmes, Radio Erena quickly became a government target. Its satellite signal was jammed and its website was the victim of a cyber-attack last summer, after it had been broadcasting for three years.

After several months of seeking ways to elude such acts of sabotage, Radio Erena is back on the air in Eritrea and the neighbouring region (East Africa and the Arabian Peninsula), broadcasting daily on the shortwave (since 15 November) and by satellite (since 26 December).

SOURCE:

<http://www.afrika.no/Detailed/23159.html>

Website: <http://www.arena.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Radio-Arena/187483811307644>

(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, Jan 26

<https://twitter.com/Nxdelaradio> WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

Radio Erena SW broadcast is 1700-1730 on 11560 via Pridnestrovye (Moldova). DXLD 13-03 placed it by mistake under ETHIOPIA [non]. Aoki says language is Tigrinya, which makes more sense than Afar quoted in some logs. Brokered by WRN, since November 15. That may be why it's missing from the WRTH 2013, neither Eritrea nor Ethiopia in target broadcasts, but it is in the update. See DXLD 12-52 (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

11560, 27/Jan 1700, Moldova (Relay), Dimtse Radio Erena in Afar. Full ID by OM. OM talk, at 1708 local pop music. At 1711 Listener on the phone, smiles [laughs]. Good signal in remote radio from Twente, NL. No signal in my QTH (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14YS 38 58W - Brasil, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. PRESENTAN LIBRO SOBRE RADIO TATEK, LOA A LA EPOPEYA AFRICANA. [radio tatek.jpg](#)

por Barbara Gómez

La Habana, 22 ene (RHC) Como un homenaje a los combatientes y profesionales de los medios que cumplieron misiones en Etiopía, fue presentado hoy en esta capital el libro Radio Tatek, emisora internacionalista, única de su tipo en la histórica epopeya.

Rafael Ramírez, periodista, escritor y autor del texto, reunió vivencias, testimonios, recuerdos y hechos sobresalientes en sus páginas, que evocan los años (1978-1989) de transmisiones de esta planta, encargada de poner en el Éter noticias del acontecer mundial para informar a las tropas destacadas en tierras abisinias.

Ramírez refirió que además de las noticias frescas y variedad de géneros en la programación de ocho horas, también se hacían entrevistas en Cuba a los familiares de los combatientes en fechas significativas, y luego se escuchaban en Radio Tatek para sorpresa de los internacionalistas.

Había mucha interacción -resaltó-, porque nuestros periodistas visitaban las unidades -en algunas de ellas había corresponsales- para hacer sus reportes y llevar a los más destacados a la emisora.

Fue una gran escuela -expresó Ramírez-, la cual desempeñó un rol importante en la vida de un centenar de profesionales de los medios

que pasaron por allí.

Muchos dejaron su impronta en este empeño, entre ellos Lázaro Chiang Macate, María Mellado, Douglas Fernández, Andrés Mazorra y la inolvidable Gladys Goizueta, -quien conoció al amor de su vida en los días de Radio Tatek, según trascendió en la actividad.

Este texto, que será presentado en la XXII Feria Internacional del Libro el mes próximo, llega al público como parte de las actividades en saludo al aniversario 35 de la Misión Militar de Cuba en Etiopía.

El coronel Jorge Galván, jefe de la Editorial Verde Olivo responsable de la impresión, expresó que Radio Tatek significó una inyección de patriotismo y solidaridad para las tropas cubanas que cumplieron misión internacionalista en tierras africanas, con un trabajo político-ideológico que puso de manifiesto la fortaleza de la Revolución.

FUENTE: Radio Habana Cuba

<http://www.radiohc.cu/noticias/cultura/28285-presentan-libro-sobre-radio-tatek-loa-a-la-epopeya-africana.html>

(via Yimber Gaviria, also via Juan Franco Crespo, Spain, DXLD)

See CUBA [non] for much more about this! WTFK? Never answered (gh)

** ETHIOPIA. 5950, 27/Jan 1615-1625, V of Tigray Revolution in Tigrinya/Afar (listed). Local music. At 1617 OM talk, presents newsletter. Fair signal with many noises and QRM from R Romania on 5960 occupying a wide band. At 1622 local pop music. Listening on remote radio from Twente, NL (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14YS 38 58YW - Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 6030, 28/Jan 1751, Radio Oromiya in Afar (listed). YL talk, at 1752 OM talk, while quick instrumental African music. Weak signal, strong QRM lateral. Listening on remote radio from Twente, NL (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 6030, Radio Oromiya, 1530-1900, Oromo via Addis Ababa-Gedja is continuing past 1900 UT in Afar or Oromo, 1945 UT YL song (indigenous music); 1954 UT YL with announcement into horn of Africa music - a group song (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, W.B., India, Jan 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. Log gestern (21 Jan): Radio Ethiopia External service, 7235.5 \ 9565.3 kHz. 31 mb hatte bei French bis 1800 und dem "Clandestine"-Programm danach eine einigermaßen brauchbare Modulation, 41mb broadcast kaum (Thorsten Hallmann, Germany, A-DX Jan 21 via BC-DX Jan 26 via DXLD)

Footprint 1530 to 1550 UT Jan 22. Wandered up and down in 20-30 Hertz range. Are not to be taken almost exactly. 7235.359-...376 kHz and 9565.561-...579 kHz, latter S=8-9 on Moscow remote SDR unit (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 26 via DXLD)

[and non]. 9565.6v, Jan 29 at 1512, big het no doubt caused by the always-off-frequency Ethiopia, longpath? nominal 9560, and sometimes varying even below that. This is making a pitch on my keyboard primarily at E5 = 659 Hz, but shifting irregularly a semitone higher to about F5 = 698 Hz. Approached another way by counting the clix at 40-Hz steps above 9565 on the DX-398, I get 13 = only 0.52 kHz, so possibly the other weaker station it is hetting is slightly below 9565? Unlikely, as it must be CRI Turkish via Albania, only other thing scheduled. And before 1600 it's not R. Ethiopia, but the clandestine service for Eritrea, V. of Democratic Alliance, until 1530 in Tigrinya Tue/Thu/Sat, other days Arabic per WRTH. Also weak residual Dentre-Cuban pulse jamming audible, despite Radio Marti usage of 9565 only at 20-24 UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FINLAND. SWR on air this weekend 1-2 Feb

Scandinavian Weekend Radio (SWR) have their next 24hr low-power broadcast from Virrat, Finland scheduled this coming weekend from 2200 UTC Friday 1 February through to 2200 UT Saturday 2 February.

Usual shortwave frequencies (100 watts): 6170 alternating with 5980 kHz and 11720 kHz alternating with 11690 kHz (also locally on 1602 kHz and 94.9 MHz). Full time/frequency/programme schedule at: <http://www.swradio.net/schedule.htm>
(Alan Pennington, Jan 31, BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

** FRANCE. Frequency change of Radio France Internationale in Pashto: 1430-1500 NF 21580 ISS 500 kW / 085 deg to WeAs, ex 15360 // 17850 (DX RE MIX NEWS #765 from Georgi Bancov & Ivo Ivanov, Jan 28 via DXLD)

** GABON [and non]. 9580, Jan 24 at 0621, no het! Only a JBM but S9+17 signal on 9580, presumed ANO with MOROCCO missing from 9579.1. May have been a second carrier SAHing 9580 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Africa #1; 2145-2201+, 28-Jan; M in French with jazz, blues & soul; English! A#1 ID at 2146+; French IDs at 2158 including ANU, La Voix du Africaine [sic]; ToH pips/tone into French news. USB SIO=443+; AM SIO=523 with het from 9579.2 Radio Medi-Un(presumed).

2227-2232+, 30-Jan; Hi-Life music to BoH ID as "ANU Radio Africaine

...Libreville..." into French news. AM impossible; need USB but with strong buzz QRM centering about 9590 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST) WTFK? Must be 9580, or 9580.0 (gh, DXLD)

** GEORGIA [non]. Apsua Radio in Abkhaz was heard on Jan. 25 with weak signal 0659-0800 on 9535 SUK 005 kW / non-dir to CeAs. Radio Abkhazia in Russian: 0800-0811 on 9535 SUK 005 kW / non-dir to CeAs. All scheduled Mon/Wed/Fri. 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, New email: ivo.observer@gmail.com dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Mercoledì 23 gennaio 2013, 0825 - Emittenti in apparenza spente [gone]: 6070 Tx R^hrbach (Germania) (da giorni) (Luca Botto Fiora, GC 09E13, 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Radio City is now also broadcast on Hamburger Lokalradio (HLR) on 7265 [CUSB] kHz via the SW transmitter in Goehren, Germany. Regular transmission slot is 1300-1400 UT on the fourth Saturday of each month, beginning on January 26th, 2013. Radio City welcomes feedback and reception reports and will QSL via citymorecars@yahoo.ca. Hamburger Lokalradio has the following regular SW schedule:
Wednesdays and Saturdays,
0500-0800 UTC, 7265 kHz
0800-1100 UTC, 6190 kHz
1100-1700 UTC, 7265 kHz
E-Mail: redaktion@hamburger-lokalradio.de
(Thomas V^lkner, Germany, Jan 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R. City is now broadcast via Hamburger Lokalradio service: 1300-1400 on 7265 GOH 002 kW / 230 deg to WeEu English 4th Sat USB + Carrier (DX RE MIX NEWS #765 from Georgi Bancov & Ivo Ivanov, Jan 28 via DXLD)

Mercoledì 23 gennaio 2013 - 0939 - 6190 kHz, HAMBURGER LOKALRADIO - G^hren (D), Tedesco, parlato YL. Segnale sufficiente-insufficiente. (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

** GERMANY. 0944 - 9700 kHz, test R. 700 - Kall Krekel (Germania), Tedesco, jingles e oldies. Segnale sufficiente-buono In // a 6005 (SF-IN) + 6085 (BN-SF) (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

** GERMANY. 5th transmitter of Radio 700 from Kall was tested from Jan. 25: 0000-2400 NF 3985 KLL 001 kW / non-dir to CeEu, break 1200-1300 on Jan. 27! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5th transmitter of Radio 700 from Kall tested from Jan 25:
0000-2400 NF 3985 KLL 001 kW / non-dir CeEu, break 1200-1300 Jan 27!
0700-1800 on 3955 KLL 001 kW / non-dir CeEu & 2230-2400
0900-1700 on 6005 KLL 100 kW / non-dir CeEu
0700-1600 on 6085 KLL 001 kW / non-dir CeEu
0950-1300 on 9700 KLL 010 kW / non-dir CeEu, on Jan.26 till 1400
(DX RE MIX NEWS #765 from Georgi Bancov & Ivo Ivanov, Mon Jan 28, 2013
via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

Thanks, Ivo for clearing up the mystery signal I have been hearing on 3985 for the past two evenings. Threshold reception between 0000-0200 UT Jan. 27 & 28. Just barely able to tell that there was music being played. Signal much too weak and interference too loud, from US hams, to even be able to tell what type of music. Weaker than 3955 (Stephen Wood, Harwich, Mass., dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3985, Radio 700 from Kall Eifel on test from Jan 25th onwards, in \\ 3955 kHz, both similar strength heard at 0745 UT Jan 26. In comparison 3955 kHz modulation sound looks like more bassy at S=9+10dB level, but 3985 kHz has more brighter tone and is little bit more penetrating at S=9+20dB. At 0755 UT noted German news from FM 101.7 MHz station in St. Vit and Eupen Belgium.

At same time 0745-0800 UT, HCJB Andenstimme noted on 3995 kHz from Weenermoor Germany site, carried DX Program in German by Horst Rosiak. S=8-9 (Wolfgang Bueschel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 26 via DXLD)

I was expecting someone to take over Croatia's abandoned 3985 ASAP!
(Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. XVRB extra broadcast Sunday 3 February --- XVRB - The Music Museum - will be on the air on Sunday, February 3rd. The extra February broadcast comes after the 6045 kHz transmitter failed to start up on January 20th. Because of that, no Mike Wilson show was on the air. If you like the music of XVRB, don't forget to tune in next Sunday (0900-1000 UT, 6045 kHz SW). (XVRB via Dave Kenny, Jan 30, BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

** GERMANY [non]. 7425, Jan 27 at 0559, Portuguese talk about Angola, Cabo Verde, cut off in mid-word about 0559.5. Great co^rdination! Scheduled as 0530-0600 [sic], DW, 250 kW, 100 degrees from ASCENSION, not Rwanda. HFCC shows this only started on 1 January, despite IBB Russian via Lampertheim already on 7425 at 03-07, which must have been the weak signal audible after DW quit (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Updated winter B-12 schedule of Deutsche Welle:

0300-0400 on 5905 KIG 250 kW / non-dir to CeAf Swahili
0300-0400 on 5925 KIG 250 kW / 180 deg to CeAf Swahili
0300-0400 on 7265 KIG 250 kW / non-dir to CeAf Swahili
0300-0400 on 12070 ASC 250 kW / 085 deg to CeAf Swahili

0400-0500 on 5905 KIG 250 kW / non-dir to EaAf English
0400-0500 on 7285 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf English
0400-0500 on 9800 KIG 250 kW / 030 deg to EaAf English
0400-0500 on 9470 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf English
0500-0530 on 5905 KIG 250 kW / non-dir to EaAf English
0500-0530 on 7425 ASC 250 kW / 100 deg to SoAf English
0500-0600 on 9470 KIG 250 kW / non-dir to EaAf English
0500-0600 on 11800 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf English

0530-0600 on 7425 ASC 250 kW / 100 deg to SoAf Portuguese
0530-0600 on 12045 KIG 250 kW / 180 deg to SoAf Portuguese
0530-0600 on 17800 DHA 250 kW / 230 deg to SoAf Portuguese

0600-0630 on 12045 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf English
0600-0700 on 13780 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf English
0600-0700 on 17800 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf English

0630-0700 on 12045 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf Hausa
0630-0700 on 15275 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf Hausa
0630-0700 on 21780 DHA 250 kW / 260 deg to WeAf Hausa
0800-0830 on 15640 DHA 250 kW / 045 deg to WeAs Pashto
0800-0830 on 17710 DHA 250 kW / 050 deg to WeAs Pashto
0830-0900 on 15640 DHA 250 kW / 045 deg to WeAs Dari
0830-0900 on 17710 DHA 250 kW / 050 deg to WeAs Dari
1000-1100 on 9800 KIG 250 kW / non-dir to CeAf Swahili
1000-1100 on 12070 KIG 250 kW / 265 deg to CeAf Swahili
1000-1100 on 15275 KIG 250 kW / non-dir to CeAf Swahili
1000-1100 on 15700 KIG 250 kW / 180 deg to CeAf Swahili
1200-1300 on 9800 KIG 250 kW / non-dir to CeAf French
1200-1300 on 15275 KIG 250 kW / 275 deg to NoAf French
1200-1300 on 15440 KIG 250 kW / non-dir to CeAf French
1200-1300 on 17800 WOF 250 kW / 182 deg to NoAf French
1200-1300 on 17820 WOF 250 kW / 150 deg to NoAf French
1200-1300 on 21780 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf French
1300-1400 on 15275 KIG 250 kW / 280 deg to WeAf Hausa
1300-1400 on 17800 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf Hausa
1300-1400 on 21780 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf Hausa
1330-1400 on 9440 ERV 300 kW / 100 deg to WeAs Dari
1330-1400 on 15640 SNG 250 kW / 315 deg to WeAs Dari
1400-1430 on 9440 ERV 300 kW / 100 deg to WeAs Pashto
1400-1430 on 15640 SNG 250 kW / 315 deg to WeAs Pashto
1430-1500 on 15275 KIG 250 kW / 030 deg to WeAs Urdu

1430-1500 on 15360 SNG 250 kW / 315 deg to WeAs Urdu
 1430-1500 on 15640 DHA 250 kW / 060 deg to WeAs Urdu
 1500-1600 on 7300 KIG 250 kW / non-dir to CeAf Swahili
 1500-1600 on 9800 KIG 250 kW / 265 deg to CeAf Swahili
 1500-1600 on 12055 KIG 250 kW / non-dir to CeAf Swahili
 1500-1600 on 12070 KIG 250 kW / 180 deg to CeAf Swahili
 1600-1700 on 9800 KIG 150 kW / non-dir to EaAf Amharic
 1600-1700 on 12070 KIG 250 kW / 030 deg to EaAf Amharic
 1600-1700 on 15275 KIG 250 kW / non-dir to EaAf Amharic
 1700-1800 on 9795 KIG 250 kW / non-dir to CeAf French
 1700-1800 on 12070 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf French
 1700-1800 on 15275 KIG 150 kW / 295 deg to WeAf French
 1700-1800 on 15700 WOF 250 kW / 170 deg to NoAf French
 1800-1900 on 12070 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf Hausa
 1800-1900 on 15275 KIG 150 kW / 295 deg to WeAf Hausa
 1800-1900 on 17800 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf Hausa

1900-1930 on 11800 KIG 250 kW / 210 deg to SoAf English
 1900-2000 on 12070 KIG 250 kW / non-dir to SoAf English
 1900-2000 on 15275 KIG 250 kW / non-dir to SoAf English

1930-2000 on 11800 KIG 250 kW / 210 deg to SoAf Portuguese
 1930-2000 on 11865 KIG 250 kW / 180 deg to SoAf Portuguese
 1930-2000 on 12045 MEY 250 kW / 315 deg to SoAf Portuguese

2000-2200 on 9655 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf English
 2000-2200 on 11800 KIG 250 kW / non-dir to CeAf English
 2000-2200 on 12070 KIG 250 kW / 210 deg to SoAf English (DX RE MIX
 NEWS #765 from Georgi Bancov & Ivo Ivanov, Mon Jan 28, 2013 via DXLD)

** GERMANY [and non]. Updated winter B-12 schedule of Media Broadcast:
 NON-DAILY TRANSMISSIONS

Trans World Radio

0645-0700	5910 WER 100 kW / 055 deg Mon-Fri	WeEu Polish
0800-0850	6105 WER 100 kW / 300 deg Daily	NoEu English
0930-1000	7210 WER 100 kW / 105 deg Daily	WeEu Hungarian
1100-1130	6105 WER 100 kW / 105 deg Sat	EaEu Romanian
1500-1530	7295 WER 100 kW / 060 deg Mon	EaEu Belarussian
1500-1530	7295 WER 100 kW / 060 deg Tue-Fri	EaEu Russian
1630-1700	6105 WER 100 kW / 105 deg Sat	EaEu Romanian

Iceman Radio

0900-1000	6045 WER 100 kW / non-dir 4th Sun	CeEu Music
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Transportradio:

0900-1100	6095 WER 100 kW / non-dir Mon-Fri	WeEu Music
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Mighty KBC Radio:

0900-1600 6095 WER 100 kW / non-dir Sat/Sun WeEu Music

Radio Joystick, from Feb. 3 and test Jan. 20

1100-1200 7330 ISS 100 kW / 060 deg 1st Sun CeEu German

Evangelische Missions Gemeiden

1130-1200 6055 WER 125 kW / non-dir Sat/Sun CeEu German
1200-1230 13730 WER 250 kW / 045 deg Sat FE Russian
1600-1630 9605 WER 250 kW / 060 deg Sat EaEu Russian

Missionswerke Arche Stimme des Trostes

1200-1215 6055 WER 250 kW / non-dir Sun CeEu German

Pan American Broadcasting

1400-1415 15205 NAU 100 kW / 090 deg Sun SoAs English
1415-1430 15205 NAU 100 kW / 090 deg Daily SoAs English
1430-1445 15205 NAU 250 kW / 090 deg Sun SoAs English
1930-2000 9685 NAU 250 kW / 155 deg Sun NoAf English
1930-2030 9685 NAU 250 kW / 155 deg Sat NoAf English

HCJB Global Voice

1530-1630 13740 NAU 100 kW / 095 deg Sat CeAs Russian
2245-2300 11920 WER 100 kW / 240 deg Daily BRA Kulina
2300-2330 9835 NAU 100 kW / 240 deg Daily BRA German
2300-0045 11920 WER 100 kW / 240 deg Daily BRA Portuguese

OGM Radio Xoriyo:

1600-1630 17630 ISS 500 kW / 130 deg Tue/Sat EaAf Somali

Radio Oeoemrang

1600-1700 15215 WER 500 kW / 300 deg Tue Feb. 21 NoAm German *****

Voice of Oromiyan Liberation Front till Dec. 30 and cancelled

1700-1730 15315 WER 125 kW / 135 deg Sun EaAf Oromo

Voice of Oromo Liberation

1700-1800 13810 ISS 100 kW / 126 deg Sun/Wed EaAf Oromo/Amharic

Christian Science Sentinel

1900-2000 5960 WER 100 kW / 075 deg Sat EaEu Russian

Radio Biafra London till Jan.17 and cancelled

1900-2000 11830 WER 125 kW / 180 deg Thu/Sat WCAf Igbo/English

Bible Voice Broadcasting Network

1900-1930 6030 NAU 100 kW / 060 deg Tue EaEu Russian
1900-1930 6030 NAU 100 kW / 060 deg Wed EaEu English

1900-1915	6030	NAU	100	kW	/	060	deg	Thu	EaEu	Ukrainian
1900-1915	6030	NAU	100	kW	/	060	deg	Fri	EaEu	Russian
1915-1945	6030	NAU	100	kW	/	060	deg	Sat	EaEu	English
1900-2000	6030	NAU	100	kW	/	060	deg	Sun	EaEu	English
0800-0830	7220	WER	100	kW	/	non-dir		Sun	WeEu	English
0800-0845	7220	WER	100	kW	/	non-dir		Sat	WeEu	English
0830-1000	17545	WER	125	kW	/	135	deg	Fri	NEAf	Arabic, x 09-10
1630-1730	11875	WER	100	kW	/	165	deg	Daily	CEAf	Nuer/Dinka
1600-1630	15335	NAU	100	kW	/	150	deg	Mo/Th/Fr/Su	EaAf	Oromo
1700-1730	15335	NAU	100	kW	/	150	deg	Mon/Tue/Fri	EaAf	Tigrinya
1730-1800	15335	NAU	100	kW	/	150	deg	Mon/Wed/Fri	EaAf	Amharic
1700-1800	15335	NAU	100	kW	/	150	deg	Tue/Thu	EaAf	Amharic
1630-1800	15335	NAU	100	kW	/	150	deg	Sat	EaAf	Amharic
1630-1800	15335	NAU	100	kW	/	150	deg	Sun	EaAf	Amharic
1800-1830	15335	NAU	100	kW	/	150	deg	Fri-Sun	EaAf	Somali
1830-1930	9850	NAU	100	kW	/	142	deg	Fri	EaAf	Arabic
1830-1900	9850	NAU	100	kW	/	142	deg	Sun	EaAf	Arabic
0500-0530	9450	WER	250	kW	/	120	deg	Thu	N/ME	Arabic
0500-0515	9450	WER	250	kW	/	120	deg	Fri	N/ME	Arabic
1800-1830	9715	WER	100	kW	/	120	deg	Mon/Wed	N/ME	Hebrew, x 1745-
1800-1900	9715	WER	100	kW	/	120	deg	Tue	N/ME	English,x 1745-
1800-1845	9715	WER	100	kW	/	120	deg	Thu	N/ME	English,x 1745-
1800-1815	9715	WER	100	kW	/	120	deg	Fri	N/ME	English,x 1745-
1800-2000	9715	WER	100	kW	/	120	deg	Sat/Sun	N/ME	English,x 1745-
1715-1745	9810	WER	125	kW	/	120	deg	Fri	N/ME	Arabic
1930-2015	9925	WER	100	kW	/	120	deg	Sun	N/ME	English
1715-1800	11700	WER	100	kW	/	120	deg	Mon/Wed-Fri	N/ME	Arabic
1700-1800	11700	WER	100	kW	/	120	deg	Tue/Thu	N/ME	Arabic
1700-1720	11915	ISS	250	kW	/	115	deg	Mo/Tu/Th/Fr	N/ME	Arabic
1700-1735	11915	ISS	250	kW	/	115	deg	Wed	N/ME	Arabic
0400-0430	5950	NAU	100	kW	/	110	deg	Sat-Mon	WeAs	Luri
1830-1900	7365	NAU	100	kW	/	105	deg	Sun	WeAs	Persian
1800-1900	7365	NAU	100	kW	/	105	deg	Tue/Thu	WeAs	Persian
1800-1830	7365	NAU	100	kW	/	105	deg	Fri	WeAs	Persian
1800-1815	7365	NAU	100	kW	/	105	deg	Sat	WeAs	English
1900-2000	9470	NAU	250	kW	/	125	deg	Sat	WeAs	English
1915-1945	9470	NAU	250	kW	/	125	deg	Sun	WeAs	English
1630-1830	9925	WER	100	kW	/	105	deg	Daily	WeAs	Persian
0100-0115	7395	WER	250	kW	/	090	deg	Sun	SoAs	English,x Sa/Su
1500-1530	13740	NAU	100	kW	/	095	deg	Sun	SoAs	English
1530-1600	13740	NAU	100	kW	/	095	deg	Wed/Fri	SoAs	Urdu
1530-1600	13740	NAU	100	kW	/	095	deg	Thu	SoAs	English
1515-1530	13740	NAU	100	kW	/	095	deg	Fri	SoAs	Punjabi
1515-1530	13740	NAU	100	kW	/	095	deg	Sat	SoAs	English
1630-1645	15215	WER	125	kW	/	105	deg	Fri	SoAs	Tamil, ex Sun
1400-1430	15470	ISS	250	kW	/	083	deg	1st Sun	SoAs	English
1430-1500	15470	ISS	250	kW	/	083	deg	Sat/Sun	SoAs	English
1100-1115	15390	TRM	125	kW	/	045	deg	Tue-Fri	EaAs	Cantonese

1100-1130	15390	TRM	125	kW	/	045	deg	Mon	EaAs	Chinese
1115-1130	15390	TRM	125	kW	/	045	deg	Fri	EaAs	English
1100-1130	15390	TRM	125	kW	/	045	deg	Sat/Sun	EaAs	English
1130-1200	15390	TRM	125	kW	/	045	deg	Sat/Sun	EaAs	Japanese
1300-1400	15180	TRM	250	kW	/	045	deg	Sun	EaAs	Korean
1300-1330	15180	TRM	250	kW	/	045	deg	Mon-Sat	EaAs	Korean

DAILY TRANSMISSIONS [sic, no they are not, not all of these:]

Gospel For Asia

0030-0130	7215	NAU	250	kW	/	100	deg	SoAs	South East Asian langs
1230-1500	15285	NAU	250	kW	/	089	deg	SoAs	South East Asian langs
1330-1530	15235	NAU	250	kW	/	085	deg	SEAs	South East Asian langs
1530-1630	15150	NAU	250	kW	/	099	deg	SoAs	South East Asian langs
2330-0030	7240	NAU	250	kW	/	085	deg	SEAs	South East Asian langs

Radio Japan NHK World

0200-0500	9620	WER	250	kW	/	135	deg	WeAs	Japanese
1700-1900	15445	WER	250	kW	/	135	deg	WeAs	Japanese
2200-2300	9620	WER	500	kW	/	135	deg	WeAs	Japanese

Radio Dardasha 7:

0330-0345	6095	NAU	125	kW	/	105	deg	WeAs	Persian
1600-1615	9665	WER	250	kW	/	105	deg	WeAs	Persian
0300-0315	7325	NAU	250	kW	/	124	deg	N/ME	Arabic
0430-0445	5980	NAU	125	kW	/	120	deg	N/ME	Arabic
1700-1715	9440	WER	125	kW	/	120	deg	N/ME	Arabic
2000-2015	5940	NAU	250	kW	/	120	deg	N/ME	Arabic
0600-0615	9440	NAU	125	kW	/	180	deg	CEAf	Arabic
2030-2045	9515	NAU	250	kW	/	180	deg	CEAf	Arabic

Hamada Radio International:

0530-0600	7350	NAU	100	kW	/	180	deg	WeAf	Hausa Mon-Fri
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Adventist World Radio

0400-0430	5975	NAU	100	kW	/	130	deg	EaEu	Bulgarian
1600-1630	6100	WER	100	kW	/	120	deg	EaEu	Bulgarian
1000-1100	9610	NAU	100	kW	/	180	deg	SoEu	Italian Sun
0700-0800	11975	NAU	100	kW	/	210	deg	NoAf	Arabic
0800-0830	15125	WER	100	kW	/	210	deg	NoAf	Kabyle
0800-0900	15145	NAU	100	kW	/	205	deg	NoAf	French/Tachelhit
1730-1800	11860	WER	100	kW	/	210	deg	NoAf	Kabyle
1900-1930	11860	WER	250	kW	/	210	deg	NoAf	Wolof
1900-2000	11760	WER	100	kW	/	210	deg	NoAf	Arabic/Tachelhit
2000-2030	9805	NAU	100	kW	/	205	deg	NoAf	French
1900-2000	9535	NAU	100	kW	/	215	deg	NoAf	Arabic
0300-0330	7315	NAU	250	kW	/	140	deg	EaAf	Tigrigna
0300-0400	9610	NAU	250	kW	/	140	deg	EaAf	Oromo/Amharic

1630-1700 17575 ISS 250 kW / 125 deg EaAf Somali
 1730-1800 11795 NAU 250 kW / 140 deg EaAf Oromo
 1200-1230 11670 TRM 250 kW / 045 deg SoAs Mon
 1230-1300 11670 TRM 250 kW / 025 deg SoAs Meitei Sun/Wed/Fri
 1230-1300 11670 TRM 250 kW / 025 deg SoAs Bangla Mon/Tue/Thu/Sat
 1500-1600 15270 TRM 250 kW / 355 deg SoAs Punjabi/Hindi
 1500-1530 15255 TRM 250 kW / 005 deg SoAs Nepali
 1530-1600 15255 TRM 250 kW / 025 deg SoAs English Sat-Wed
 1530-1600 15255 TRM 250 kW / 025 deg SoAs Tibetan Thu/Fri
 1300-1330 15480 TRM 250 kW / 005 deg EaAs Chinese Mon-Fri
 1300-1330 15480 TRM 250 kW / 005 deg EaAs Uighur Sat/Sun
 1330-1500 15480 TRM 250 kW / 005 deg EaAs Chinese

Brother Stair/The Overcomer Ministries

1300-1400 15370 TRM 250 kW / 060 deg SEAs English
 1400-1600 9460 WER 100 kW / non-dir WeEu English
 1400-1600 13810 WER 100 kW / 120 deg N/ME English
 1900-2000 9835 WER 500 kW / 165 deg NWAf English

Lutheran World Federation, Voice of Gospel (Sawtu Linjilia)

1830-1900 9800 WER 500 kW / 180 deg WCAf Fulfulde

Radio Liberty

0300-0500 6105 WER 250 kW / 060 deg EaEu Belorussian
 0400-0500 6075 WER 250 kW / 060 deg EaEu Belorussian
 1500-1700 6120 WER 250 kW / 060 deg EaEu Belorussian
 1200-1230 15265 WER 250 kW / 075 deg CeAs Kyrgyz
 1400-1500 9595 WER 250 kW / 075 deg CeAs Uzbek
 1400-1500 13645 WER 250 kW / 075 deg CeAs Uzbek
 1500-1530 11790 NAU 250 kW / 075 deg CeAs Kyrgyz
 1500-1600 13775 NAU 250 kW / 085 deg CeAs Avari/Chechen/Circassian
 1600-1700 9445 NAU 250 kW / 085 deg CeAs Tajik
 1600-1800 11775 NAU 250 kW / 090 deg CeAs Georgian
 1700-1800 9585 NAU 250 kW / 095 deg CeAs Russian "Caucasus Echo"

Radio Farda

0500-0730 13615 NAU 250 kW / 110 deg WeAs Persian
 1230-1430 13635 WER 250 kW / 105 deg WeAs Persian
 1500-1630 13680 WER 250 kW / 105 deg WeAs Persian

Radio Mashaal

0500-0900 13580 NAU 250 kW / 094 deg WeAs Pashto

Radio Free Afghanistan

1230-1330 13830 NAU 250 kW / 110 deg WeAs Dari
 1330-1430 13830 NAU 250 kW / 110 deg WeAs Pashto/Dari

Deewa Radio

1400-1500 9565 WER 250 kW / 090 deg WeAs Pashto

Radio Ashna

1530-1730 9770 NAU 250 kW / 110 deg WeAs Dari/Pashto

Voice of America

1600-1700 17895 WER 250 kW / 150 deg CeAf English
1630-1700 15670 WER 250 kW / 180 deg CeAf Portuguese Fri
2030-2100 9690 NAU 250 kW / 185 deg CeAf Hausa Mon-Fri
1630-1700 11905 WER 250 kW / 150 deg SDN English S Sudan in Focus M-F
1630-1700 13625 WER 250 kW / 150 deg SDN English S Sudan in Focus M-F
1800-1830 9645 WER 250 kW / 150 deg SDN Arabic "Afia Darfur"
1900-1930 9815 NAU 250 kW / 155 deg SDN Arabic "Afia Darfur"
1630-1700 15620 WER 250 kW / 135 deg EaAf Somali
1730-1800 9485 NAU 250 kW / 140 deg EaAf Afan Oromo Mon-Fri
1730-1800 9860 WER 250 kW / 150 deg EaAf Afan Oromo Mon-Fri
1800-1900 9485 NAU 250 kW / 140 deg EaAf Amharic
1800-1900 9755 WER 250 kW / 135 deg EaAf Amharic
1900-1930 9485 NAU 250 kW / 140 deg EaAf Tigrigna Mon-Fri
0230-0330 7360 WER 250 kW / 090 deg WeAs Persian
0500-0600 9760 NAU 100 kW / 105 deg WeAs Kurdish
1400-1500 13580 NAU 250 kW / 120 deg WeAs Kurdish
1600-1800 11775 WER 250 kW / 090 deg CeAs Georgian
1830-1900 9435 NAU 250 kW / 090 deg CeAs Azeri (DX RE MIX NEWS #765
from Georgi Bancov & Ivo Ivanov, Mon Jan 28, 2013 via DXLD)

** GUAM. 5765-USB, Jan 26 at 1426, AFN is quite good today, but not // KOSU with NPR WESAT; instead, military news about Secretary Panetta, 1428 outro by Petty Officer Brandy Wills(?), female; 1430 news or feature about immigration reform, Obama clips (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM [and non]. See this site:

<https://worldradioday.crowdmap.com/reports/view/12>

for info on an upcoming Wavescan special (Jeff White, WRMI, Jan 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST) So far this site is 404 Not found (gh, Jan 27, DXLD)

** GUAM. KTWR Guam is also testing to India 0925-0940 UT on 15235 kHz until Thursday, 31st Jan 2013. --- (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dx_india yg via DXLD) Presumably means in DRM to demonstrate it for BES altho he does not say so! Nor under INDIA. KTWR is still not ready to jump into regular DRM broadcasts, why? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** GUATEMALA [non]. [Re 13-04:] Thanks to Don Jensen and Dave Valko who found my unidentified Latin on 4799.9 at 1208 to be a Chinese regional, probably CNR-1. Using a recording with a Perseus SDR, Dave showed this to be the case. Both feel the very poor conditions could certainly make it seem to be a Latin American station. So, the mystery

is solved. You live and learn - even us seasoned DXers (Mark Coady, Ont., ODXA Your Reports Express Jan 27 via DXLD)

** GUIANA FRENCH [and non]. 9606, Jan 26 at 0125, roaring spur centered around here, not very strong but previously matched with MontsinÉry during the R. Rep'blica 00-02 transmission on 9490, 116 kHz above it. And yes, there is a match, somewhat stronger, 116 kHz below it around 9374. On very strong 9490, RR itself is undermodulated during a lo-fi phone interview; in fact, the two spurblobs axually sound louder than the fundamental! Which is suppressing any jamming, surely is being transmitted; it would propagate, as 9955 has the wall of noise, as it did at 2216 Jan 25 during WRMI's silent period. Anyhow, the spurs show that TDF still hasn't fixed that problem, which also emanate 116 kHz away from the NHK relay on 5960 after 0200, i.e. 6076 and 5844, which I have not reconfirmed lately.

Suspicious open carrier, which I am tentatively pinning on MontsinÉry due to previous behavior, e.g. on 11995, leaving transmitter on air long after end of scheduled broadcasts:

11740, Jan 29 at 0612, fast SAH upon weak station in French, which is ROMANIA, not what one might guess from old schedules, Vatican which now does not start here until 0700 (altho we know how unreliable they are too). 11740 is of course, the NHK GUF relay in English to NAM at 0500-0530 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11740, NHK Radio Japan; 0510-0515+, 30-Jan; Asia/Japan news to 0515 ID into Radio Japan Focus feature on computers; all in English. SIO=3+44 with buzz QRM; sked 9770 via France & 17760 via UAE not heard (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Self-QRM? Did you look for spurs around 11740 like I've found? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

9258, Jan 30 at 0057, weak blob of something detectable despite the T-storm noise from northeast of here. After I have checked out Peru and Egypt, I look further for spurs of the 9490 MontsinÉry relay at 00-02 of RMI's Radio Rep'blica: there they are again, 9374 and matching 9606, plus and minus 116 kHz from 9490. Unlike last night, this time besides the big hum, there is some modulation of R.R. on both of them, a lofi phoneline feed.

I look for others closer to 9490: yes! Weaker ones on 9526 and 9454, hum-roar just barely modulated, fortunately not interfering with anything; these are plus and minus 36 kHz from fundamental. There is yet another pair, however, which do interfere plus and minus 70 kHz

from 9490: about 9420 vs Greece, and 9560 in S Asian language, scheduled as Vatican in Tamil. The first-heard blob on 9258 now obviously comes from this too, as it is 232 kHz below 9490, double the other spurs at 116 kHz, and further has a match on 9722 vs the just barely modulated Cairo English on 9720, all heard around 0116.

Summarizing all these spurs, all approx., maybe plus or minus 1 kHz, as the blobs don't have sharp carriers for accurate measurement:

low	high	separation from fundamental 9490
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9258	9722	232 kHz
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9374	9606	116 [strongest ones]
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9420	9560	70
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9454	9526	36
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The last two are likely really matched, one pair the doubles of the other, just like the further pair of pairs above them.

These spurs closely match the displacements previously heard in the 02-04 period from the NHK Japanese relay on 5960 from MontsinÉry; a quick check tonight at 0255 did not produce them, vs the high noise level, but have been heard many times before, e.g. 5844, 5890, 5924, 5996, [6030, masked by Cuban radio war], 6076, which are also 36, 70 and 116 kHz above and below the fundamental. Now I need to look for plus and minus 232 = 5728, 6192.

It was not necessary to monitor these on my main receiver with longwire, but only with the DX-398 on the porch, and a shortwire, with better frequency readout. All of these, of course, should be totally suppressed to avoid interfering with other stations and to maintain a 'clean' operation.

9606 & 9374, Jan 31 at 0053, matching spurs with some hum at poor level from 9490 R. Rep'blica, which was still undermodulated, and jamming also audible under (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HONG KONG. 8828-USB, Cape d'Aguilar, 1045 to 1048 weather. 2013 replacement for the Hong Kong Boat race station. :-) 27 Jan (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D -Icom 746Pro - Drake R8 - AOG and 60 meter dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4660, AIR Leh (in the state of Jammu and Kashmir) (presumed), am still only hearing on open carrier here as of Jan 24; never any audio.

4820.0, AIR Kolkata, 1236-1306, Jan 23. Coverage in Hindi and English of India vs England cricket match; announcer said it was "a little bit chilly" at "PC Stadium in Mohali" and "all the people here are wearing their woollies.î Enjoyable listening, even with QRM (Tibet)!

<https://www.box.com/s/6tsru0jnl2egx7qrca5>
MP3 audio.

4990, AIR Itanagar, Jan 22 running well past usual sign off time;
1519 news in Hindi via the New Delhi audio feed; // 4880 and 5050.
Jan 24 suddenly off the air at 1425; a fairly normal sign off time for
them just after the five minutes of news in English.

9470, AIR Aligarh (presumed), Jan 23 from 1340 to 1355 heard with
intermittent audio, but mostly just open carrier with no audio. Wolfy
on Jan 23 with 19470 only empty carrier noted at 1835. Jan 24 heard
just open carrier (no audio at all) starting at 1340 and subsequent
checking (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Etûn E1,
dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR Kohima, 4850 kHz extra strong on Republic Day eve ---
AIR Kohima heard extra powerful and clear SINPO 34443 with local
English news at 1420 UT on 4850 kHz followed by phone in musical
program in English today 25th January on new year [sic] eve. Is it a
better AIR Kohima or a sign of good propagation? AIR Port Blair on
4760 kHz is not remarkable at 1458 UT (Supratik Sanatani, Kolkata, Jan
25, dx_india yg via DXLD)

4850, AIR Kohima, 1235-1424, Jan 25. Thanks to Alokesh Gupta's alert
in dx_india yg. In vernacular, Hindi and English; 1304 iProgram
Highlights; sports talk with detailed history of cricket in India;
1330 special broadcast of the annual President's speech to the nation
on the eve of Republic Day delivered in English and repeated again in
Hindi; 1400 time pips; local news in Hindi (1406-1410 dead air, only
open carrier) and repeated again in English (was pre-empted from 1350
by the speech) ; poor to almost fair; light China QRM; several IDs;
This is the Kohima station of All India Radio.

President's address noted //:

4760 AIR Port Blair
4775 AIR Imphal
4810 AIR Bhopal
4880 AIR Lucknow
4970 AIR Shillong (very weak audio)
4990 AIR Itanagar
5010 AIR Thiruvananthapuram
5040 AIR Jeypore
5050 AIR Aizawl (QRM)
9425 AIR Delhi (Khampur)
9470 AIR Aligarh (very faint audio, but there)
9870 AIR Bengaluru (QRM)

<http://presidentofindia.nic.in/sp250113.html>

has a transcript of today's address.

I miss former President Shrimati Pratibha Devisingh Patil's distinctive voice and her enthusiastic iJai Hindî! (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÜn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

AIR Kohima on 4850 kHz at 1420 UT with local news in English, logged here at Kolkata, India, extra strong on Republic Day eve (25 Jan 2013). Alokesh Gupta from Delhi reports that AIR Leh 4660 kHz is also noted with better signal. He suggests that the aging transmitters which are normally operated at lower power are being run on full power for the Republic Day transmissions tomorrow (Supratik Sanatani, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi All! Wish you a Happy 64th Republic Day of India. Here is a quick summary of reception of All India Radio's special live commentary of Republic Day parade at New Delhi through its national and regional stations. My QTH location is Jorhat in Assam, India (Latitude: 26 45' 0 N, Longitude: 94 13' 0 E) and for this monitoring of AIR signals I have used a JRC NRD-91 receiver with 20 mt. long wire outdoor antenna. Observation Time from 0430 to 0530 UT. SW:

6155, AIR National (Bengaluru): Not Heard
9595, AIR National (Delhi): Commentary in Hindi. SINPO 45354
11620, AIR National (Bengaluru): Commentary in Hindi. SINPO 23222
5990, AIR National (Delhi): Not Heard
15050, AIR National (Bengaluru): Commentary in English. SINPO 45333

7230, AIR Kurseong: Commentary in Hindi. SINPO 35333
7440, AIR Lucknow: Commentary in Hindi. SINPO 25222
7380, AIR Chennai: Commentary in English. Very faint reception.
7390, AIR Portblair: Commentary in Hindi. Very Faint.
7430, AIR Bhopal: Commentary in Hindi. SINPO 34323
4940, AIR Guwahati: Commentary in English. SINPO 25222
4910, AIR Jaipur: Commentary in Hindi. SINPO 25122
7295, AIR Aizawl: Commentary in Hindi. SINPO 35353
7420, AIR Hyderabad: Commentary in English. Very Faint reception.

MW:

567, AIR Dibrugarh: Commentary in English. Excellent Reception.
640, AIR Kohima: Commentary in English. Excellent Reception except little noise.
675, AIR Itanagar: Commentary in Hindi. Excellent Reception.
828, AIR Silchar: Commentary in Hindi. Weak Reception.
882, AIR Imphal: Commentary in English. Good Reception. Slight noise, fading.

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See also BHUTAN

** INDIA [and non]. On now at 1115 UT:
4775, Imphal S9+20 dB
4810, Bhopal Open carrier - preparing for sign on
4835, Gangtok S9+20 dB
4895, Kurseong open carrier causing flutter on Mongolia to suppress, 1
kHz tone at 1123 UT, became S9+20 dB [or 1 kHz off frequency --- gh]
4940, V. Strait from Fuzhou, China S9
4950, Sri Nagar open carrier or no modulation S9+10 dB
4970, AIR Shillong with News S9+15 dB
4990, AIR Itanagar S9+20 dB with big Hum on transmitter (Partha
Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, WB, India, 1132 UT Jan 27, dxldyg via DXLD)

Strong carrier AND audio on 4896 kHz which I have measured on my Flex
1500. It's 1547 GMT 30/1/13. Audio seems to consist of OM talk under
strong QRN. Nothing is listed????? (Steve, UK, Calver, Flex Radio
Systems 1500, Half Size G5RV, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

1600 UT, AIR Kolkata in English/Hindi on this new 4896, ex 4895
(Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, ibid.)

It's not exactly ``new`` -- periodically jumps one kHz and back, as
has done before (gh, DXLD)

Nothing heard in Jo'burg at 1555-1559. If its a strong carrier and
audio, any language clues? Regards, (Bill Bingham, ibid.)

At 1600 English ann: This is All India Radio Calcutta (Kolkata) and
news in Hindi (Ivo Ivanov, ibid.)

That is AIR Kurseong relaying AIR Kolkata News :) (Partha Sarathi
Goswami, India, ibid.)

Hi Bill, No language clues from me but there now seems to be a few
postings on it so MANY thanks to those who have confirmed back (Steve
Calver, ibid.)

[and non]. 4896, Jan 31 at 0052, carrier here making a het against
stronger 4895, so looks like AIR Kurseong is off-frequency again, vs
perhaps Brasil; also CODAR (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Radio GOS IV da India em DRM --- Recebida com algumas
interrupções a radio GOS IV de Khampur, India, em DRM 20,8 kbps,

EEP AAC+ Mono, em 9950 kHz Vejam o video aqui:

<http://youtu.be/UntAqVwNKnw>

73 de (Roland, PY4ZBZ, 27 Jan, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

So many of these YouTube items are for the audio of a radio DX catch. The video is only incidental, like looking at the receiver dial. So why call them ``videos`` instead of ``audios``? And what's the time. Only by going to the video do we find it titled video ``2013 01 27 17 29 41`` but is that UT or UT-2? Suspect the latter. Yes, Aoki shows the DRM 9950 span is 1745-2230 (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Recepção da All India Radio Khampur DRM em Sete Lagoas MG Brasil.

Com IC-725 + SDRZero + DReaM em 28-01-2012 1950 UT 9950 kHz:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LSq00uJcTo4>

73 de (Roland, PY4ZBZ, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

AIR Khampur extended SW transmissions for BES Expo 2013 --- All India Radio, Khampur is also having extended transmissions on 6100 kHz at 0500-0800 UT till 31st Jan 2013. Program is AIR FM Gold, using 120 kW. Regards (Alokesh Gupta, Sent from my Windows Phone, Jan 30, dx_india yg via DXLD) Presumably meaning in DRM, altho he does not say so; nor under GUAM (gh, DXLD)

** INDIA. 13710, Jan 27 at 1328 good signal with music here seems unsubcontinental; quickly check 9690 and find it weaker //, i.e. AIR GOS about to open instead of playing the wonderful AIR IS. 1329 brief announcement in unknown language, probably Tibetan as usually happens with AIR bringing up wrong program feed, supposed to be ending at 1330 on three other frequencies including Bengaluru 9575.

1330 English opening AIR GOS announcing 9690, 13710 and 11620 which is unheard until 1331, a poor open carrier with flutter. 9690 and 13710 are also Bengaluru, while 11620 is Delhi. For some reason, 13710 is missing from HFCC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 9470, AIR Aligarh, 1318, Jan 29 with the AIR IS followed by the usual national song iVande Mataramî. Audio level was good today instead of the recently heard very faint audio. Seems they have corrected the problem (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÚn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA [non]. This morning at 1543 to past 1600 I caught GFA-Athmeeya Yatra Radio on 15150 at fair-good levels but beginning to slip to fair at best by around 1555. Aoki and other lists offer two transmission sites: Trincomalee and Nauen. I'd certainly appreciate your thoughts here about what was the most likely site. The Gray Line map suggests that Sri Lanka is a possibility but quite honestly I don't trust myself to read that map properly! 73 (Jim Ronda, Tulsa OK,

Jan 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Jim, Have not heard it myself, but I would also have a hard time deciding which based on general propagation principles. Only recent posts about this were in DXLD 12-49.

Altho the azimuth angle from SL is more favorable for us, thinking about it further, I would lean toward Germany at this time of day and season. You could always ask the station, but not expect a definitive answer from them. Better to ask Walter Brodowsky of MBR. 73, (Glenn to Jim, via DXLD)

I had a suspicion that Nauen was the site; the signal did seem far too strong for a Trincomalee location (Jim Ronda, *ibid.*)

** INDIA. [Re 13-03:] "All India Radio" finally has a webcast

I just stumbled across this - an "off the air" version of the daily 2100 UT English Language service of All India Radio is now available via the World Radio Network. Complete with fading! A 50-day online archive of the program is available.

It appears this broadcast is not part of the WRN North American Service, which is a channel on Sirius/XM satellite radio. This sounds like someone is capturing the shortwave audio in Western Europe - which tends to be at armchair listening level at that time.

I have suggested for years that AIR could reach more listeners - especially in North America - with an Internet presence. Their response has historically been that North America isn't a strategic target area for them.

Best way to navigate to their content is to visit the "Listeners" section of the World Radio Network website: <http://www.wrn.org>
(Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, Jan 24, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I already mentioned this a few weeks ago (gh, DXLD)

Hi Richard, Yes, good news that they are on WRN, but All India Radio has had Web audio for a couple of years now but not on their official website. You will find the three main news broadcasts in English and other languages on <http://newsonair.nic.in/> They also have audio from some regional centres in English and others too. Cheers, (Rob Wilson, Glasgow, Scotland, *ibid.*)

Richard, Thanks for this tip. It is so cool to hear selective fading on the internet. I can close my eyes and imagine I am still using a

shortwave radio (Joe Buch, internetradio, ibid.)

** INDONESIA. 4750, Jan 28 at 1351, soft island music, presumed RRI Makassar, poor with weak 2-kHz het from Bangladesh 4752 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 6125.21, RRI Nabire (presumed), 0808-0850*, Jan 19, Bahasa Indonesia ann, sounded like Middle East music, 0816 South Asian music, 0842 more of a pop music genre. No ID heard, but odd frequency, irregular s/off (Bruce W. Churchill, Fallbrook, CA, U.S.A., DSWCI DX Window Jan 23 via DXLD)

RRI Nabire is reported irregularly on 6125 between 0500-0900v and on 7290 between 0900-1500v (WRTH National Radio update 25 Jan via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. ARTS channel via Enid PEGASYS cable access ch 12, UT Monday Jan 28 at 0520, is starting to play ``Stairway to Lenin``, from ``The Orchestra``. This is an hilarious satire on Soviet Communism, set to the music of Ravel's ``Bolero``. ARTS provides no program schedule, so you can only tune in at random and see what's playing. I have seen this many times, always already in progress, but now from the beginning. Unfortunately, I am not prepared to tape it! But maybe it will show up again in the next few days under current rotation. Unfortunately2, PEGASYS only provides lo-fi hissy audio and video from this channel: at least the video is not breaking up at the moment and the sparklies are not too bad. The original was produced in HDTV! Look for it on YouTube: here's a fragment:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LoANrOmdtYc>

Some others have been deleted. I think Zbigvision is trying to keep it salable on DVD, along with other great videos, via

<http://www.zbigvision.com>

In fact `Stairway to Lenin` was playing again at a random check, in progress at 0126 UT Jan 29, and several further times (gh)
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. 11805, Jan 25 at 1427, VIRI IS, poor signal, 1430 three rising chimes, opening in unID language, brief choral piece presumed national anthem, another quick announcement and into Qur'an, the standard opening procedure. Aoki shows this is a Bengali hour, 500 kW, 100 degrees from Kamalabad. The Urdu service was also audible earlier in the hour on 11720 // 11685.

17550, Jan 27 at 1408, VIRI Arabic OM with crosstalk from a YL voice in unknown language. I don't think this is external QRM from another station, but self-QRM transmitted by Kamalabad itself. Could be Urdu, Dari, Kurdish or Japanese, scheduled on other insufficiently isolated KAM transmitters, antennas at this hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

** ISRAEL. Re: ``6885 Galei Zahal (p); 0124-0134+, 12-Jan; M in HB w/EE & HB pop & folk tunes; BoH spot mentioned "IGA" -- I'm betting that's not the Independent Grocers Assoc. SIO=3+33- w/lengthy clatter burst @0131. Nothing detectable on 15850, though getting a weak carrier on 15851. (Frodge-MI)``

Is there an audio file for this, so I try and hear what they are saying in Hebrew? Are you sure it isn't AIG (the international insurance group), who advertise quite frequently on Israeli radio? (Doni Rosenzweig, Jan 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

From my logbook, I can see ISRAEL 6885 Galei Zahal I have listened on: 11th January 2013 past 1800 UT with weak but fair quality 12th January 1900 UT onward with weak reception quality, but was unable to get an audible signal or carrier on 15850 on those times, here in East India.

Now on 28th January 2013 at 13 past UT I can get 15850 kHz Galei Zahal with weak to fair quality (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, W.B., India, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Galei Tzahal from Lod site. Phone-in in Hebrew at 0645 UT Jan 29, 6885 S=8-9 and 15850 S=7 signal, here in Germany (Wolfgang Bueschel, ibid.)

** ISRAEL [non]. 9955, Jan 25 at 0530, WRMI inaudible under jamming, but Jeff White says as of tonight, WRN relay at this time has resumed after some experimentation with Vatican Radio in Arabic. Therefore, Israel Radio's only SW broadcast in English should be back at 0530-0545 Tue-Sat. Computer was off so could not confirm yet on WRMI webstream (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY. Bozen 657 kHz closed down --- The 657 kHz transmitter near Bozen (Bolzano) has been closed down in December and, acc. RAI Bozen, the antenna already been dismantled. This leaves Pisa/Coltano as only remaining transmitter on this frequency in Italy. For the part of Southern Tyrol the only remaining mediumwave transmitter there is Bruneck (Brunicolo), 2 kW on 1449 kHz. The transmitter at Brixen (Bressanone), still listed in some literature, has been shut down already some years ago due to technical problems, it will be (or has already been?) dismantled as well. And already in the last decade shut down has been the 1602 kHz Bozen/Bruneck/Brixen/Meran outlet which carried the all-day German program from Bozen which now is on FM only. 1449 kHz has, as 657 had until December as well, Radiouno with short Italian broadcasts from Bozen (Source: A. Dellemann, Innsbruck)

Pictures of that last mediumwave mohican in Southern Tyrol:
<http://www.mediasuk.org/archive/brunico.html>

Its already dead brother, with an antenna quite expensive for a tiny 2 kW outlet, at least for European standards:

<http://www.mediasuk.org/archive/bressanone.html>

Haven't found any photos of the just closed 657 kHz facility, so look out in Google Maps, southeast from Montigg1, rather close to the Etsch river.

While I'm at it: Perhaps still remembered is the 6000 kHz transmitter ORF used to operate at Aldrans [AUSTRIA]. To my knowledge never ever admitted by ORF was its real target area. Just to get it right for the chronicle, in case it has never been discussed outside the German-speaking area:

This shortwave outlet was of course not meant for valleys in Austria into which mediumwave did not properly penetrate. This was just a lame excuse ORF used because this service was a quite sensitive matter (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Jan 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) i.e. really for Tyrol, German-speaking area over in Italien (gh, DXLD)

** JAPAN. 5985, Jan 25 at 1342, Sea Breeze again in English on this Friday and much better reception than usual, talking about the UN and human rights in several countries, including North Korea. Still good at 1405 with news sounder, headline from Yonhap about Google trip to NK, another from Daily NK. Usual het from MYANMAR on the hi side (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [non]. What's the reason for? Only Friday Febr 1st 13730 1700-1729 52,53 MDC 250 300 0 105 6 010213-010213 D Swahili MDG NHK 73 (Wolfgang B,schel, Jan 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Well, it is NOT the Japanese New Year or the Chinese New Year, nor a public holiday in Kenya. Perhaps they are celebrating the just concluded HFCC in Tunisia (Glenn Hauser, ibid.) And I forgot to monitor for it; perhaps S. Hasegawa knows the answer, (gh, DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. 6101.21v, KCBS Pyongyang, 1405, Jan 23. Noted slowly drifting up in frequency; in Korean; // 9665 (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÜn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 9335, Jan 25 at 1413, VOK in French, modulation rather distorted. 11710, Jan 25 at 1417, French also here and somewhat distorted with additional mixture of jamming noise that VOK is unable to keep out of its adjacent broadcast transmitter. Any SW broadcaster that is obviously so intimately involved with jamming other stations is worthy of nothing but contempt, also RHC and CRI (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Korean Central Broadcasting Station (KCBS) with new Internet homepage
<http://www.gnu.rep.kp>

Hello! Korean Central Broadcasting Station (KCBS - ??????) from
Pyongyang, DPR Korea (North), announce the opening of their new
Internet homepage "Great National Unity" (?????) <http://www.gnu.rep.kp>

The homepage will open on 1 February 2013. They have started
announcing it today in their Home Service programmes and also in their
broadcasts for abroad. The event is even announced via the foreign
language services of VOICE OF KOREA. The English announcement is under
kms://175.45.176.67/CBC_audio/CBC_English/EN13012911.aac
73s & good listening from (Arnulf Piontek, Berlin, Germany, Jan 29, DX
LISTENING DIGST)

CORRECTION: PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGIES for the incorrect information.
As I heard the announcement on the KCBS 9665 kHz Home Service I
assumed that the homepage is from them but the Korean diction clearly
mentions Pyongyang Pangsong, so I hope there's no damage done.

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homepage "Great National Unity" (?????) of Pyongyang Pangsong (???? -
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The Korean announcement can be found under
kms://175.45.176.67/CBC_audio/CBC_Korean/IKN130129_12.aac
73s & good listening from (Arnulf Piontek, Berlin, Germany, ibid.)

What a great birthday gift for me! I doubt it'll have streaming audio
but a man can dream. I always wondered how this station and KCBS
sound, with all their screaming propaganda alternating with martial
music. (Eduardo Peralta, Buenos Aires Province, ARG)

** KOREA NORTH. DPR Korea (North): 1600 UT, VOICE OF KOREA in German
on 3250 kHz. Hello! I am currently listening to the German service of
VOICE OF KOREA, Pyongyang, DPR Korea (North) on the unusual frequency
of 3250 kHz via
<http://www.globaltuners.com/receiver/28/vk4fsgw>
3250 kHz is normally in use for either Pyongyang Pangsong or Voice of
Korea Japanese programming. Don't know whether this is permanent or
just a mistake. '73s, (Arnulf Piontek, Berlin, Germany, 1633 UT Jan

29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Very strange choice for WeEu service of Voice of Korea was noted on Jan. 29/30: 1300-2100 3250 PYO 100 kW / non-dir to Asia
Ko/Ru/Ru/Ge/Ru/Ge/Ge/Ko (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Some frequencies of Voice of Korea are active again:
back on air:

0700-1000 15245 KUJ 200 kW / 325 deg EaEu Ru/Ru/Koly Jan. 24
0700-1300 7580 KUJ 200 kW / 109 deg JPN Japanese
1300-2100 6170 KUJ 200 kW / 325 deg WeEu Ko/Ru/Ru/Ge/Ru/Ge/Ge/Ko
2100-2400 7580 KUJ 200 kW / 109 deg JPN Japanese

currently off air:

0300-1300 7220 KUJ 200 kW / non-dir NEAs
Ko/En/Ch/En/Ko/Ch/Ko/Ko/Ch/Ko
0300-0700 9345 KUJ 200 kW / non-dir NEAs Ko/En/Ch/En
0300-0700 13650 KUJ 200 kW / 238 deg SEAs Ch/Fr/En/Ch
0300-0700 13760 KUJ 200 kW / 028 deg CSAm Sp/En/Sp/Fr
1000-1300 9345 KUJ 200 kW / non-dir NEAs Ko/Ch/Ko
1300-2100 9325 KUJ 200 kW / 325 deg WeEu Ko/Ru/Ru/Ge/Ru/Ge/Ge/Ko
1300-2400 12015 KUJ 200 kW / 325 deg WeEu
En/Fr/En/Fr/Ko/En/Sp/Fr/En/Sp/Ko
2100-2400 7235 KUJ 200 kW / non-dir NEAs Ch/Ch/Ko (DX RE MIX NEWS
#765 from Georgi Bancov & Ivo Ivanov, Mon Jan 28, 2013 via DXLD)

D.P.R.K. Another two frequencies of Voice of Korea are active Jan. 29:
0300-0700 9345 KUJ 200 kW / non-dir to NEAs Ko/En/Ch/En
1300-2100 9325 KUJ 200 kW / 325 deg to WeEu Ko/Ru/Ru/Ge/Ru/Ge/Ge/Ko
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire

Some frequencies of Voice of Korea are active again on air.
Day by day different frequencies are on air and off air. Updated
schedule:

back on air (1 tx)

0300-1300 7220 KUJ 200 kW / non-dir NEAs Ko/En/Ch/En/Ko/Ch/Ko/Ko/Ch/Ko
1300-2100 9325 KUJ 200 kW / 325 deg WeEu Ko/Ru/Ru/Ge/Ru/Ge/Ge/Ko
2100-2400 7235 KUJ 200 kW / non-dir NEAs Ch/Ch/Ko

currently off air (2 txs)

0300-0700 9345 KUJ 200 kW / non-dir NEAs Ko/En/Ch/En
0300-0700 13650 KUJ 200 kW / 238 deg SEAs Ch/Fr/En/Ch
0700-1000 13760 KUJ 200 kW / 325 deg EaEu Ru/Ru/Ko
0700-1000 15245 KUJ 200 kW / 325 deg EaEu Ru/Ru/Ko
1000-1300 6170 KUJ 200 kW / 028 deg CSAm En/Fr/Ko
1000-1300 9345 KUJ 200 kW / non-dir NEAs Ko/Ch/Ko
1300-2400 7570 KUJ 200 kW / 325 deg WeEu

En/Fr/En/Fr/Ko/En/Sp/Fr/En/Sp/Ko
1300-2400 12015 KUJ 200 kW / 325 deg WeEu

En/Fr/En/Fr/Ko/En/Sp/Fr/En/Sp/Ko
(Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m.
long wire, Jan 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 9665, KCBS-Pyongyang, Jan. 25, fair at 1128. choral music with that unmistakable DPRK revolutionary edge; short announcement in Korean at 1133 and back to songs (the DPRK may be the last place on earth that still sounds and looks like Soviet Russia in the days of Socialist Realism) (Jim Ronda, Tulsa OK, NRD-545, R-75 + two PAR EF-SWL slopers, one external Eavesdropper and one attic-mounted Eavesdropper, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 5985, Jan 27 at 1406, Shiokaze is still here, in Korean with Myanmar het on hi side. Expecting the 1330-1430 broadcast to make another frequency jump shortly to elsewhere on 49m, tho I have never heard Uny Juche jamming noise on 5985 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also JAPAN

** KOREA SOUTH. ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL DX PROGRAM FROM ASSAM AND INDIA:

Friends, I'd like to share a great news with all of you. After completing six successful episodes of my DX report on Wavescan, the weekly DX Program on Adventist World Radio and WRMI in USA, I shall now start presenting a monthly DX Report for KBS World Radio, South Korea! It'll be a part of "Weekly DX Tips" presently hosted by Kevin O'Donovan in program Worldwide Friendship and I shall join the KBS team with my DX report from India every last Saturday in a month. DX tips titled "Indian DX Report" will be first aired on 26th January, Saturday. So please stay tuned. Prithwiraj Purkayastha

Schedule of KBS World Radio English transmissions on Shortwave:

English 1

Time (UTC) Target Area Frequency (kHz)

0200-0300 SAm 9580

0800-0900 seAs 9570

1200-1300 Nam 15575 [sic, reportedly changed to 1300-1400! gh]

1300-1400 seAs 9570

1600-1700 seAs 9640

1600-1700 Eu 9515

1800-1900 Eu 7275

English 2

1100-1130 Eu (Sat only) 9760 (DRM)

2200-2230 Eu 3955 (Skelton)

English 3

0200-0300 seAs 9640

1230-1330 China 6095

1400-1500 seAs 9640

Internet: http://world.kbs.co.kr/english/about/about_internet.htm

Podcast (RSS Feed of Worldwide Friendship):

http://world.kbs.co.kr/rss/Podcast_Friendship_e.xml

Podcast Page: http://world.kbs.co.kr/english/about/about_podcasts.htm
(via Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, W.B., India, dxldyg via DXLD)

As already discussed here, the English to ``North America`` (really southern S America) on 15575 is now scheduled one hour later at 13-14 UT instead of 12-13, not that it will make any difference in inaudibility. When is KBSWR going to get their brand-new transmitter with proper antennas going? Original news about this said the new DX reports would be on Sundays. But ``WWF`` has been a Saturday show and apparently still is (Glenn Hauser, *ibid.*)

Not only that 16-17 UT English transmission also suffering badly which was a good reception in past, now here in South Asia we can listen to 18 UT transmission with good quality, I often hear them over WRN EU Stream at 09 UT and presume the N Am stream would be 0930 or 10 UT. WWF is aired on Saturday and it contains the DX Report (Partha Sarathi Goswami, WB, *ibid.*)

Re Kimje-KOR azimuth targets. Propagation-wise 12-13-14 UT is a total wrong time selection on this path via Alaska - California, should be only used in 01-05 UT slot on 15575 kHz, at CIRAF zones 6 + 7, as well as zones 13-16.

On Google Earth VISIBLE another 25/205 degrees antenna in 31 mb, used for Indonesia/Malaysia target reverse. That 25 degr reversed angle could be used most of the year towards CAN/USA via Kamchatka-Alaska path.

KBS used mostly in the past:

40 81 96 205 225 250 270 279 285 290 305 318(EUR) 328 degrees,
and non-dir HQ antennas.

Maybe soon, they erect also a revolving antenna type of Thales-Thomcast Rigid type? 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B.schel, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15575, KBS World Radio-Kimjae, Jan. 26, poor at 0218, woman speaking in Spanish; target area is North America but the signal was barely making here (Jim Ronda, Tulsa OK, NRD-545, R-75 + two PAR EF-SWL slopers, one external Eavesdropper and one attic-mounted Eavesdropper,

NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

[non]. 9840, UAE, KBS Dhabayya, 2002-2014 Jan 21 Arabic; M announcer with talk; mentioned Morocco & Afrique; KBSradio.org promo at 2010; M & W announcers with banter; fair (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH [and non]. 6015, KBS Hanminjok Bangsong 1 (presumed), 1303, Jan 27. The ever present jamming was here again today, but KBS was actually coming through it fairly well; pop music; OM and YL chatting in Korean (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, Etûn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non]. 11510, 0400 18/01, MDA Denge Kurdistani, Kishivev Grimopol [sic], Kurdish, music and OM, weak S6 (Fl.vio PY2ZX Arch,ngelo, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11510, Jan 28 at 1425-1500, another great concert of Kurdish vocal and instrumental music with hardly any announcements, tnx to the PKK terrorists of V. of Kurdistan, and coinciding with peak reception hour, better than usual today from presumed PRIDNESTROVYE site. BUT, annoyingly frequent IADs which BRB seems content to allow forever (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

You show 11510 V. of Kurdistan via Prindstrovye. HFCC shows 11510 as Broadcast Belgium (the broker for Denge Kurdistani) via Simferopol, Ukraine. Aoki and Eibi show it via Prindstrovye. I am interested in whether you have another source that shows that the HFCC listing is wrong and that Aoki and Eibi are correct (Steve Handler, IL, ibid.)

Steve, There was quite a discussion in DXLD, by Wolfgang Bueschel, Kai Ludwig, Ivo Ivanov, etc., people in Europe who should know, I believe concluding that the Ukraine site is totally off the air, so it can't be that, whatever the registrations. BRB has its own peculiar agenda of disinformation, it seems (Glenn to Steve, via DXLD)

11510, Jan 30 at 1420, V. of Kurdistan with music, and still intermittent audio dropouts, via PRIDNESTROVYE (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7390, 28/Jan 1820, BULGARIA (Relay), Denge Kurdistani in Kurdish. OM with long talk. Weak with strong QRM lateral, but audible. Listening on remote radio from Twente, NL (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT. 15540, Radio Kuwait at 1829 with pop music then time pips at 1830 and a TC for "9:30 PM Kuwait Local Time" and a woman news -

Weak but audible Jan 25 (Mark Coady, Selwyn, ON K9J 0C6, Canada, NASWAYG via DXLD)

** LIBYA. 11600, 1951 18/01, R. Libye, UnID, Arabic, OM talks, strong S9+20 (Fl·vio PY2ZX Arch,ngelo, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. R TV Malaysia (RTM) regional broadcasts can now be verified directly by sending e-mail reports to Mr. Zulkifli Bin Abdul Rahim at zulrahim@rtm.gov.my
Also the reports may alternatively be mailed to Deputy Director Mr. Othman Bin Md. Said at othman@rtm.gov.my

If postal reports need to be acknowledged with QSLs, reports must be addressed to:

Mr. Zulkifli Abdul Rahim, Head of Assistant Director (Quality Measurement), Technical Section ñ RTM Kajang, Radio Television Malaysia, Angkasapuri, 50614, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Reports may also be addressed to:

Mr. Othman Mohammed Said, Deputy Director, Networks Technical Section, RTM Kajang, Radio Television Malaysia, Angkasapuri, 50614, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Reports addressed to regular RTM address may not verify, if correct official/department is not mentioned. Since it may not reach the right official. Thanks to Mr. Timm Breyel in Malaysia, who provided me some information about this.

Mr. Othman Md. Said signed a nice QSL card on my three reception reports on 9835 and 11665 dated Dec 07 and 08, 2012 (T. R. Rajeeesh, Thrissur, Kerala, India, Dec 31, DSWCI DX Window Jan 23 via DXLD)

** MALI. 5995, Jan 29 at 0610, open carrier, S9+18, seems too strong for MALI, which does start around 0600 typically with very low modulation. But nothing else is scheduled. Considering the civil war in Mali, it's fortunate that the government radio station stays on the air at all, but some modulation would be helpful. REE Costa Rica had previously in A-12 been on here by mistake, but tonight it's on proper 5965 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALI. ORTM, CRI Mali --- I have been trying for ORTM on 5995 and 9635 and China Radio International's Mali relay at their scheduled times on 7295, 11640, 11975, 13630, 13685, 15125, 15505, 17630 and 17880. For the last five days nothing. I know that there has been unrest and fighting in Mali but I didn't think it included the

ORTM/CRI shortwave transmitter site which I believe is about 7 km North of Bamako on the way to Kati. (Kati is about 15 km Northeast of Bamako). Anyone hearing Mali, either CRI or ORTM in the least week? (Steve Handler, IL, Jan 28, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Jennifer Day-Elgee in New Brunswick logged 5995 ORTM at 2106 on January 23rd in French with African High Life music (Mark Coady, ibid.)

Here's a logging I made on January 20: 5995, MALI, Radiodiffusion-TV Malienne, 2340 typical sub-Saharan music with female chorus, stringed and percussion instruments, including balafon, 2357 man in French with possible news bulletin, 2400 national anthem and off. Poor (Harold Sellers, BC, ibid.)

Steve, ORTM on 5995 is on now, 2210, with a very low signal. Barely any audio but I have been able to pick out some obvious French dialog. The carrier produces a big wave sign on the Perseus screen but modulation is practically non-existent (Steve Wood, Harwich, Mass., Jan 28, NASWA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALTA [non]. See Radio Joystick item from Charlie Prince in 13-03 - <http://www.radiojoystick.de> (via Dario Monferini, Jan 17, playdx yg via DXLD)

FRANCE. Test transmission of Radio Joystick on Sun, Jan. 20: 1100-1200 on 7330 ISS 100 kW / 050 deg to CeEu German, SINPO 35443 in SOF. Next transmissions will be on Feb. 3 and Mar. 3, every first Sun of the month (DX RE MIX NEWS #764 from Georgi Bancov & Ivo Ivanov. Mon Jan. 21, 2013, DXLD 13-04 via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD 13-05)

Another separate report from Ivo was the same except azimuth shown as 60 degrees. And is it in German, or English or both? Charlie Prince says nothing about German. Don't expect to hear much if any of this in North America. I replied to Charlie that he should also broadcast to us (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Domenica 20 gennaio 2013, *11.00 - 7330 kHz, R. JOYSTICK - Issoudun (FRANCIA), Jingles, IDs OM e musica reggae. Segnale molto buono-buono. Da febbraio prevista ogni prima domenica del mese, stessa ora, stessa frequenza (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

** MEXICO. 800, Jan 24 at 1307 UT, ``XEROK, la estaci n m s potente del norte de M xico, 50 mil watts``, then hyped news ID numerous times as ``Calibre 800`` --- must be contraxion for canal libre, outro? Then a prayer rendering gracias to some se or, choral music bit; 1311 over to live announcer, YL emitting her own ``cuc`` laughing, silly

chatter with others; she has poor diction, also mentions sibling station XEWG 1240, so simulcast? XEROK is really peaking now, way over KQCV OKC still on night facilities; other guy promotes that later this morning he is going to give away tickets to an Indios game on Sunday; 6:14 TC, talk about the `clima`, current temp 6C. Now the distorted modulation station is starting to QRM, presumably XEDD or XEZR, still not positively IDed. As for the power, we know XEROK was once 150 kW, and IRCA Mexican Log still shows that day and night, while Cant' and WRTH 2013 both show 50 kW now (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 830, Jan 24 at 1317 UT, Spanish news from between SW and SSW, vs WCCO opposite, jarring mispronunciation of François Hollande as ``frankois``, each letter pronounced, 7:18 TC, 1321 ID as Radio Zúcalo, ad mentions Colonia Lomas del Norte, then Piedras Negras, FM frequency jingle ending in .9, i.e. 100.9 as XHIK is listed, on to music. As previously researched, this is XEIK in Piedras Negras, Coahuila, R. Zúcalo being the group or news name connected with Saltillo, while all references continue to name this 830 outlet La Norteña (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 900, Jan 24 at 0643 UT, program promos for W Radio, atop CCI with SAH, 0645 traditional XEW descending chimes.

900, Jan 24 at 0655 UT, now however, preacher with howling audience including kidsounds, which as before I hope is elsewhere than XEW: it is, 0659 concluding with assertion that música rock es satánica, ID as Radio Así (sounds like, meaning thus, or that's the way it is; or could it be Así as in San Francisco de?) and refers to `La Biblia Dice` as program name, lunes a jueves 11 pm a 1 am, which has just been reached in CST. 0700 ``Radio Así en 900 de amplitud modulada``, website ending in .mx; 0701 mentions Monterrey, but more `La Biblia Dice`, 0702 mentions Nuevo León and 900 AM again.

Anyhow, this must be what is listed as XEOK, La OK Noticias, 10/0.25 kW in Monterrey per IRCA Mexican Log 2012; WRTH same except has Radio Tráfico as additional slogan. Cant' as OK Noticias only and nite power as 2.5 kW, which is more like it. 900 in Monty was once a co-channel XEW relay as XEWM, long gone. Monty and DF are close to same direction from here, Monty somewhat further west.

O, here's what it really is, as linked from Cant''s NL listings: Radio ACIR, not Así. That's the name of a national group but this particular website is for the Monterrey XEOK station; beware, en vivo audio autolaunches! <http://www.radioacir.net/>
Program schedule is not helpful with large block including these merely labeled ``Pro. Nacional o Independiente`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 960, Jan 30 at 0600 UT during the 5-minute Fox-hole of no modulation from local KGWA: mostly ballad music in Spanish, but a bit before KGWA blasts back on at 0605, clearly heard are the 4-descending ``XEW`` chimes which we have previously matched with XEK, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1090, Jan 23 at 0636 UT, ``en tu radio, Milenio 103.7 FM`` and back to rock music in English. I think not, but something on 1090 AM, i.e. XEAU in Monterrey NL, listed 250 or 500 watts at night, but not so unusual here, and in fact often dominant. Now it's a bit easier as KAAZ Little Rock is reported off the air, maybe forever.

1090, Jan 24 at 0600 UT, Mexican NA no doubt XEAU too, and 0640 with music in English. Also at 1251 ID as Milenio Radio, 6:51 TC, SAH from something (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. KAAZ 1090 Little Rock AR Off The Air --- KAAZ has not been heard in at least a week here. I'm picking up several Mexican stations that have been challenging (for me) to ID. Most notable however was this nice first time reception of XEPRS heard in KAAZ's absence: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1aua4AVfjrI>
I'm very happy with this new log! 73, (Tim Tromp, West Michigan, Perseus SDR + phased BOGs, Jan 24, IRCA via DXLD)

1090 kHz unIDs Spanish: Poor to fair signal tonight from Spanish station with music at 11:30 pm CST 1/30/2013 (0530 UT 1/31/2013) on 1090 kHz. Overcoming the IBOC from KRLD (1080) and WTAM (1100) on peaks. Sometimes hearing another unID with Spanish with talk during downfades of dominant unID and downfades of adjacent IBOC. Word is that KAAZ will return soon with another 5 kW on auxiliary power so I'm "fishin' while they're bitin'".
<http://mighty1090kaaz.blogspot.com/2013/01/kaaz-to-soon-return-to-air.html>
-- (Fritze H. Prentice, Jr, KC5KBV, Star City AR EM43aw, twitter.com/fritzehp WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

Just heard over a dominant station unID (now playing oldies music after midnight) at 12:30 am CST (0630 UT) 1/31/2013 the words fade up "San Diego's Sports Leader". Listening in lower sideband (LSB) and using the DSP on the Yaseu FT-897D to make the signal more readable (and reduce receive fading). Pretty much no doubt (other than a TOH ID of course) of logging XEPRS 1090 Rosarita Beach, Baja California (near Tijuana) Mexico. A good cold night in Arkansas with the solar flux under 100 and KAAZ still off the air (Fritze H. Prentice, Jr, *ibid.*)

** MEXICO. Here around 0720 UTC during about 10 minutes:
1470, XEAI lots of music
1590, XEVOZ with nice ID at 0719 UT
1650, XEARZ R Zer ID's "16-50" and music

(Max Van Arnhem, The Netherlands, Jan 23, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

** MEXICO. 2910, Jan 24 at 1223 UT, very poor in Spanish, S9+10 with fading but not enough vs noise level, so XEVT Villahermosa, Tabasco, as previously identified, is still third-harmonicizing from 970. Surprisingly, by now I have yet to see anyone else reporting it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Some more winter sporadic E analog TVDX, UT Jan 27 at 0044, already monitoring channel A2 NTSC, some CCI fades in, despite no activity on the two 6m ham Es maps, until later in the hour and not from Mexico there. Lasted only a few minutes.

More CCI came in at 0211, stronger, and also signs of video on A4 and A5. At 0215 for several minutes, a preacher in Spanish dominated; seems odd programming for prime-time Saturday night. I wonder which station or network would be doing that? CCI remained past 0245.

Yet another winter sporadic E analog TV DX opening; like most of them, quite frustrating with low-level signals, CCI from several at once, with only occasional peaks allowing some network ID at least to be glimpsed, UT Jan 28:

0047, tune in to NTSC A2, opening in progress, CCI including novela
0053, net-7 bug in UR, not necessarily from the novela station; looks more like a film drama
0137, still CCI on A2 and MUF now up to A3 video, peaking SSW
0230, still CCI on A2
0245, net-7 on A2 (XHTAU Tampico always the prime of several suspects)
0256, A2 glimpse of an UR bug which looks like a large 4 instead of a 7, but could be mistaken
0330, by now the opening is over

NTSC ch A2, Jan 30 at 1555 UT turn-on to find weak sporadic E opening in progress, initially one guy on screen, then CCI and traces of Spanish audio. Checking the 6m maps, both show nothing but a couple ham contacts between New Mexico and NE, Central Mexico, but the midpoints of those correspond with XE TV crossing to here across another angle. Soon fades out (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOLDOVA. °Apoyo para a R·dio Moldova Internacional!

----- Mensaje remitido -----

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Fecha: 09/01/2013 04:46

Queridos amigos, Como les hemos informado ya en una de nuestras últimas emisiones del año 2012, las reformas que se realizan en el presente en la Compañía Teleradio Moldova, han alcanzado incluso a

nuestro Departamento. En vísperas del Año Nuevo fuimos informados de que Radio Moldova Internacional ya no existirá en la fórmula actual. La administración afirma que los programas que realizamos en el presente ya son superados como forma y no corresponden ya con las exigencias de los escuchas. Para el futuro se propone ya no hacer nuestro producto, es decir los programas diarios de actualidades, sino solamente traducir a los idiomas ruso e inglés la Página web de la Compañía.

Les solicitamos que expresen sus opiniones acerca de este asunto. ¿Cómo creen - necesita o no el oyente extranjero una emisora como es RMI y sus programas? Les agradeceríamos mucho si nos apoyan y envíen sus opiniones a la dirección de nuestra administración:

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moldovainternational@gmail.com (via Celio Romais, Brasil, Jan 28, DXLD)

English version of this was in DXLD 13-02. Of course it's long gone from SW and will soon be long gone from webcasting, tsk2 (gh, DXLD)

** MOROCCO [and non]. 9579.1, Jan 25 at 0556, MEdi Un carrier, at least is back, making big het with 9580.0; having been missing 23.5 hours earlier. Only modulation audible is music from the higher frequency, i.e. presumed GABON. The het made a pitch somewhere between A5 and B-flat5, i.e. 880 and 932 Hz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. Myanmar with Myanmarese program on 7185 (strong) // 7200 and 7215 (moderate) at 1110 UT on 27th January 2013. Abrupt sign off on all three at 1120. Babul Gupta noticed poor signals in the morning on 9730 kHz with similar abrupt sign off. Is Myanmar testing? (Supratik Sanatani, Kolkata, India, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Sanatani, Indeed yes it certainly seemed Myanmar Radio was doing something different on Jan 27. Heard almost fair reception at 1103 till sign off at 1120 (just as you noted), on 7200.1, but with two audio feeds. A primary (strong) audio that I found // 5985.83 (which continued on past 1120) and underneath a different secondary (much weaker) audio which I assume was also from them. I was unable to hear the spur that I normally catch on 7185.84 when 7200.1 is broadcasting. Do not recall ever finding the two frequencies in parallel before, so seems they are doing some testing. Worth doing more monitoring (Ron Howard, San Francisco, ibid. WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS. PCJ Poll results (depressing) --- 31 January 2013 --- Keith Perron posted in PCJ Media and PCJ Radio on Facebook:

Here are the results of this months PCJ poll. 91 people took part.
The question was. Do you think Radio Netherlands will survive for
another 5 years?

71 - NO,

16 - YES,

13 - MAYBE (via Mike Terry, 31 Jan, dxldyg via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS. [Re 13-04 & WORLD OF RADIO 1653:]

Postponed ham radio transmissions from Nederland

According to the information PH00ZWAT in

<http://www.qrz.com/db/PH00ZWAT>

(Jorge Freitas, Brasil, Jan 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Due to military operational and environmental reasons (not to be
further explained) the license to operate from this (current military)
antenna park has been postponed.

Despite all positive contributions of different amateur radio
operators as well as military units and individual soldiers, PH00ZWAT
can not be operational in the planned period of time

However, as soon as operations can continue from this special QTH it
will be announced in time for HAM Radio operators to prepare
themselves to work PH00ZWAT.

On behalf of the Dutch Ministry of Defense we are sorry for any
inconvenience caused by this situation. The PH00ZWAT team (via DXLD)

[re 13-04] Zeewolde is the town near the former Nozema/KPN shortwave
facility. They both are located on the Flevopolder which is part of a
province called Flevoland. "Flevo" for the transmitter site was some
kind of shortcut. The buildings and antennas have recently been sold
to the military, as reported also here if I remember correct. Perhaps
this ham operation is kind of a last opportunity. Still I must admit
that I do not really get the point of this all (Kai Ludwig, Germany,
Jan 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR. 6161, CKZN, St. John's, 0905-0935 Jan 24
English; BBC relay with feature on Huwaga (sp?) refugees, mentioned
Benghazi; CBC Radio 1 ID at 0928 into filler music; Paul Simon tune
and other EZL from 0930; fair (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H.
USA, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

CANADA: 6160.73, CKZN, St. John's NL; 2047-2052+, 25-Jan; Pop music to
CBC.ca spot AT 2050+ into English interview. SI0=252 (Harold Frodge,

Midland MI, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST) A bit lower than usual

** NEW ZEALAND. The RNZI schedule posted today on their website shows 1059-1258 15720 AM to Timor & NW Pacific, ex 17675. It is labeled as a "Test Transmission" (Dan Ferguson, SC, Jan 28, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Updated B-12 SW schedule of RNZI in English as of Jan. 30:

0459-0650 on 11725 RAN 050 kW / 000 deg All Pacific AM
0459-0650 on 13730 RAN 025 kW / 000 deg All Pacific DRM
0651-0758 on 11725 RAN 050 kW / 000 deg Tonga AM
0651-0758 on 11675 RAN 035 kW / 000 deg Tonga DRM
0759-1058 on 9765 RAN 050 kW / 000 deg All Pacific AM
0759-1058 on 9870 RAN 025 kW / 000 deg All Pacific DRM
1059-1259 NF 15720 RAN 100 kW / 325 deg Timor, NW Pacific AM, ex 17675
1059-1259 on 9870 RAN 025 kW / 000 deg All Pacific DRM
1300-1550 on 5950 RAN 050 kW / 000 deg All Pacific AM
1551-1650 on 9765 RAN 100 kW / 035 deg Cook Isl, Samoa, Fiji AM
1551-1650 NF 7285 RAN 035 kW / 035 deg Cook, Samoa, Fiji DRM, ex 9630
1651-1850 on 9765 RAN 100 kW / 035 deg Cook Isl, Samoa, Fiji AM
1651-1850 on 9630 RAN 035 kW / 035 deg Cook Isl, Samoa, Fiji DRM
1851-2050 NF 11725 RAN 050 kW / 035 deg Niue, Tonga, Samoa AM,
ex 15720
1851-2050 NF 15720 RAN 025 kW / 035 deg Niue, Tonga, Samoa DRM,
ex 17675
2051-2150 NF 15720 RAN 050 kW / 000 deg Solomon Islands AM, ex 17675
2051-2150 NF 17675 RAN 025 kW / 000 deg Solomon Islands DRM, ex 15720
2151-0458 on 15720 RAN 050 kW / 000 deg All Pacific AM
2151-0458 on 17675 RAN 025 kW / 000 deg All Pacific DRM

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73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, Jan 30, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. TVNZ TO CLOSE TELETEXT SERVICE

The Teletext magazine service operated by Television New Zealand (TVNZ) for nearly 30 years will close on April 2, 2013, tvnz.co reports. However television captioning ñ a service available through Teletext and used extensively by the hearing impaired community ñ will continue unchanged.

The Teletext service began in 1984, originally to help New Zealand's deaf community get improved access to news and information. Funds raised in the 1981 Telethon helped pay to get it started.

Over the last few years, the information services carried on the Teletext magazine have been overshadowed by the explosion of information available on the internet. As well, TVNZ has been

struggling with breakdowns and repairs caused by ageing technology.

TVNZ Chief Executive Kevin Kenrick said, TVNZ has hung on to Teletext as long as it could for the sake of the relatively small number of people who are regular users. The service will continue to run until April 2. In the meantime, users will be offered detail on how to find alternative sources for the information carried on each of the Teletext pages. SOURCE:
http://www.abu.org.my/Latest_News-@-TVNZ_to_close_Teletext_Service.aspx
(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia <http://yimber-gaviria.blogspot.com> DXLD)

Is there any teletext on US TV, broadcast or cable? I have never seen any. My still functional analog TVs have a text option alternative to closed captioning, but all you ever get is a big blank black block on the screen (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** NICARAGUA. NICARAGUA AND THE ODXA SHORTWAVE DX CHALLENGE.**

For those who are involved in the ODXA's Shortwave DX Challenge I am counting the Nicaraguan preacher, sometimes referred to as El Buen Pescador, (USB on 8989 kHz) as a legitimate shortwave broadcaster. The reasoning for this is that this gentlemen must either be using a coastal station owned by the Nicaraguan government or private equipment with the tacit approval of the Nicaraguan government. As such, it is a utility station carrying a general shortwave broadcast in the same vein as a number of other utility stations do so now and in the past such as AFN, Radio St. Helena, and some Argentinian utility stations (Mark Coady, Jan 24, NASWA yg via DXLD)

Might count under the country list? 73s (Bob Wilkner, *ibid.*)

The NASWA Country List Committee created and maintains the NASWA Country List and its associated definitions, but doesn't have the authority to issue rulings on how individuals must interpret that list and definitions.

However, as chairman of the committee, I can offer advice. It is my view that the El Buen Pescador transmissions do fit within the NASWA Country List definitions of an SW Broadcast station. I think NASWA members using the list indeed can count this station as Nicaragua. (Don Jensen, WI, NASWA COUNTRY LIST Chairman, *ibid.*)

While I'm not into competitions and official country-listing, I am interested in filing information accurately. It seems to me that Mark's comments are based only on assumptions. Is there any *evidence* that this station is

1, legally authorized

and/or

2, really transmitting from Nicaraguan (land) territory?

Has anyone ever had any contact with the Preacher, let alone a QSL?

73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

I'd agree that the ruling regarding the ODXA contest is based on assumptions. Many things in DXing are based on assumptions. Examples: Stations for which no identifications are heard, but where there are enough clues... languages, type of programming, closely measured frequencies... to draw reasonable inferences.

So the real issue is is not the fact of assumptions, but whether those assumptions seem reasonably high enough for practical usage. DXers make those sorts of assumptions every day.

So consider the assumptions Glenn raises...

1. Legally authorized? Indeed, I would guess that El Buen Pescador is not licensed. But is that relevant to anything related to DXing. Most DXers take the view, I would suppose, that "if it is there, it is there" and worth noting or logging. Legal licensing is rarely, if ever, a DXing issue with, say, pirate stations or, for that matter, harmonics.

2. Is it in Nicaragua? Again this is an assumption, but, it would seem, one with a high probability of being so, given what listeners have noted. El Buen Pescador aims his sermons at fishermen from two particular Nicaraguan ports. It seems that the audience is Nicaraguan, so it seems a likely assumption that so is El Buen Pescador and his operation.

I would see nothing really to challenge in Mark's assumptions for purposes of the contest he is administering, nor for DXing matters generally (Don Jensen, dxingwithcumbre yg via DXLD)

8989.08 USB, "El Buen Pescador" is on now (2335 GMT on 29 Jan. 2013) (Steve Handler, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** NIGERIA. 7275, Jan 27 at 0634, fairly good signal, undermodulated in English, i.e. Abuja, PSAs/promos with IDs in passing as R. Nigeria by bassy OM voice who is harder to copy than higher-pitched YL voice at 0637 about African Cup of Nations match, South Africa vs Morocco today. This is seldom readable here due to very low modulation, but better than usual today; and seldom even detectable under Tunisia until timer cuts it off at 0626/0627* (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Voice Of Nigeria em DRM --- Recepção DRM em 28-01-2013 às 1925 UT

Com IC-725 + SDRZero + DReaM
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dBlnidF-dA8>
73 de (Roland PY4ZBZ, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** NIGERIA. Voice of Nigeria on 9690 and azimuth 248 --- Glenn, Eu estou a 246 desde Ikorodu e a lista Aoki diz que o azimuth de transmiss, o È 248 , mas a recep, o aqui È ruim, poucas È as vezes que se ouve algo, enquanto no SDR em Twente o sinal È muito bom. TambÈm, essa dire, o È para o oceano atl, ntico, n, o h· um erro nesse azimuth informado em Aoki? Um abra, o, (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia, 12 14XS 38 58W - Brasil, Jan 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Jorge, I don't know where Aoki gets all those azimuths when they are not in HFCC. I would not consider them reliable, especially with stations like Voice of Nigeria. 73, (Glenn to Jorge, ibid.)

** NIGERIA [non]. Hamada Radio International:
0530-0600 on 7350 NAU 100 kW / 180 deg to WeAf Hausa Mon-Fri
(DX Re Mix News, Bulgaria via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. QSL: nice full color card depicting a sailing ship riding the waves and a pirate, from Channel Z Radio, received in p-mail January 25 from maildrop, P O Box 109, Blue Ridge Summit PA 17214. Had sent e-mail report containing my log of this, Jan 13 at 2140-2148 on 15067.6 AM. Specifies 18 watts from an LU8EHA transmitter. Had replied earlier by e-mail from channelzradio@gmail.com Also with card, personal letter about his homebrew transmitters. This QSL has been added to my gallery via: <http://www.worldofradio.com/QSL.html>
Thanks, Channel Z Radio! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORWAY. WTFK? Well, it's not on the air but on the web --- (gh)

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Dated 28th of January, 2013 For Immediate release
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The Emperor Rosko's "Coast To Coast Country" debuts on "The Northern Star" tomorrow- Monday, January 28th!

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The Emperor Rosko, born 26th December, 1942, real name Mike Pasternak, is son of Hollywood film Director Joe Pasternak, who directed the Elvis Presley movies Girl Happy (1965) and Spinout (1966).

Michael's 'schooling' as a teenager consisted of spending time at San Francisco's KYA, AM 1260, where he keenly observed the presentation styles of famous djs Tom Donahue and 'Big Daddy' Bob Mitchell. Other inspirations were "Lord" Tim Hudson of KFWB, AM 980 and Wolfman Jack of XERB Rosarito Beach, AM 1090.

As 19-year-old Michael Pasternak got his real first job behind the microphone during his US Navy service, broadcasting to the inhabitants of the US aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea, on KCVA, the ship's radio station.

Mike then signed up with the Chris Borden School of Broadcasting, obtained his FCC broadcasting licence and was then offered a job in Paris, doing syndicated programming on various French-speaking stations. Henry Henroid, a friend of Radio Caroline's Ronan O'Rahilly, took a Rosko audition tape back to the UK.

Rosko soon got a job on Radio Caroline South, broadcasting on AM 1187 from the North Sea where his popularity grew fast from April 1966 as that station at the time just had installed a big Continental 50 kW transmitter giving them Northern European daytime coverage, and was heard much wider than that during nighttime. Many still remembers his afternoon show from the "Mi Amigo" 3pm-6pm daily starting with his theme tune "Memphis" by Lonnie Mack.

Rosko compered the Stax/Volt Tour of Europe in 1967 and can be heard introducing Booker T. & the M.G.'s, The Mar-Keys, Carla Thomas, Eddie Floyd, Sam & Dave, and Otis Redding on the two-album set The Stax/Volt Tour in London.

After Radio Caroline The Emperor went to RTL, Radio Luxembourg, doing the "Mini-Max" show presenting American-style radio "en franÁais". He proceeded to become a household name in France. The name Rosko is still famous on the continent where he still visits and has his shows broadcast. He was also on BBC Radio One's "Midday Spin" on Saturdays from 1967 and from 1970 presented Radio 1's Friday Roundtable. He also has appeared on BBC-1.

His popularity on radio has also attracted advertisers keen to use his unique voice in their commercials.

Mike returned to The States in the late seventies to look after his dad who was ill but continues to this day to produce two shows every week, heard over Europe where he frequently visits. Five years ago he was inducted into the Radio Academy Hall of Fame at a special lunch in London packed with just about every name in the business, many who learnt their craft from listening to him.

"Coast To Coast Country" is Rosko's new show on Radio Northern Star. It features include all the latest news and gossip from the country music world, On This Day in Country and the Top Five. He also broadcasts a programme called "The LA Connection" from his studios in California. The Emperor Rosko knows how to pack "Entertainment Value" into every show! Hear for yourself when the Emperor Rosko's Coast To Coast Country debuts here on "The Northern Star" tomorrow- Monday, January 28th, at 2000 CET!

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** OKLAHOMA. 530, Jan 24 at 1900+ UT, I finally get in contact with someone at Vance AFB involved with the new TIS station. They are surprised to hear from me and wonder why I want all this info. Mr. Paul Schillo, civilian, says it's a TIS with 10 watts, range maybe 5-10 miles. Purpose? ``put on the air at the request of the base for additional communications capability for base leadership`` also to communicate with truckers making deliveries, and people off-base. Assured me it was properly authorized, not clear by whom. Did not want to tell me whether its antenna is the usual short vertical TIS stations use.

I asked about hearing something other than those Ad Council PSAs and the need for IDs, and he said they had just started inserting IDs around the hour and half hour, and would comply with FCC regs. Although as military I doubt the FCC has any authority over it. Amid new FEMA PSAs, at 1928 and 2004 UT, by seemingly synthetic voice unlike the other announcements: ``You are listening to 530 AM operated by Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Oklahoma``. Many of the same old Ad Council PSAs continue in rotation, but now there is a new one apparently by a local announcer, including her flub at the end, about ``never leave candles unattended --- unattended``.

530, further observations Jan 24-25: ID occurs at random oddtimes, not just hourtop and hourbottom, such as 2004 and 1448 UT: by seemingly synthetic voice unlike the other announcements: ``You are listening to 530 AM operated by Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Oklahoma``. Many of the same old Ad Council PSAs continue in rotation, but now there is a new one apparently by a local announcer, including her flub at the end,

about ``never leave candles unattached --- unattended``. I have yet to hear anything remotely connected with USAF or other military matters, but instead an emphasis on safety for civilians, also applicable to all humans, including military (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 740, KRMG, Tulsa ñ Applies for STA; station has discovered its night pattern is out of tolerance and will reduce night power until problem is identified and solved (AM Switch, NRC DX News Jan 7 via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. 1120, Jan 23 at 1406 UT, KEOR is there but very weak with Mexican music, making 192/min SAH with KMOX, = 3.2 Hz, so I bet it's the KEOR transmitter which is slightly varying.

Not hearing it in the 06-07 UT hour Jan 24, altho there is a weak SAH on KMOX at times, maybe this with open carrier only. At 1338, now Mexican music is back, with SAH counted of 172/minute = 2.87 Hz.

1120, Jan 25 at 0621, KMOX has a SAH of 192/minute = 3.2 Hz as measured some times before, but varies, presumably from KEOR carrier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Noted KEOR off, on the way home from work last evening 0120Z 26JAN13, leaving a strong KMOX. KEOR off this AM as well at first check 1330Z 26JAN13, 73, (Bruce Winkelman, Tulsa, OK, Jan 26, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. KFAQ-1170 has turned their IBOC back on, first noted here this evening 0015Z 25JAN13. :- (Bruce Winkelman, Tulsa, OK, ABDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

I get the flash on the Sony from KFAQ too. It is too directional and weak to decode but it sure knows there is an HD signal in there. The farthest decode I have from here was WCCO and that was for a few seconds. I haven't been able to replicate it since (Justin - Dn64, Jan 24, ABDX via DXLD) I think DN64 grid square translates to southwestern Montana, but why not just say so? (gh, DXLD)

1170, Jan 25 at 0619 UT, KFAQ Tulsa is accompanied by IBOC noise, as Bruce Winkelman had first reported it turned back on Jan 24, after some months off. However at next check 1440 in the daytime, with weaker signal, IBOC did not seem to be present (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KFAQ IBOC still going strong both times above [for KEOR}. 73, (Bruce Winkelman, Tulsa, OK, Jan 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1210, Jan 31 at 0642, open carrier/dead air from E/W, no doubt KGYN Guymon, and still failing to null Philadelphia at night (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1640, Sunday Jan 27 at 1356, local KOAG Enid is dead air, except for hum; at this late hour, nothing audible under it by nulling, and risky to keep listening with volume up as will blast back on unpredictably (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 95.5 FM, Jan 25 at 2133 UT, parked at a restaurant in western Enid, I find a good clear signal here, but lo-fi audio, play-by-play of a stupid ballgame from Alva involving ``ladies`` of SWOSU and NWOSU, breaking for commercials from Weatherford. Must have been in a dead spot for local KXLS 95.7, as no ACI from it until I drove away. So this was KWEY-FM, COL Clinton, normally not heard here. And the other side of KWEY (AM) 1590, also not to be heard here presumably due to direxionality rather than offtheairity.

93.1, BTW, the POS Enid translator K226BR of KIMY 93.9 Watonga OK is *still* broadcasting ``straw sucking almost empty cup`` noises whenever I check (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Channel A48, KOCY-LP OKC is still on the air in analog, as boosted by area tropo, warming up from a low circa freezing, Jan 31 at 1400-1455+ UT with partially musical movie in Spanish but with some English dialog, from Estrella TV, ``El Preso No. 9``.

But on the analog set, no sign of KUOT-CA channel 19, so has it finally flashed to DTV? Yes, barely decoding signal with gospel huxter, bearing logo and website <http://www.ctvn.org> and matching what W9WI.com shows, affiliation with E:COR, i.e. Cornerstone network, no subchannels. They are in their live winter telethon for another day.

Other minor OKC DTV signals: KUOK-CD 36, Univisi  n is not quite decoding, unless allowed to remap to KTUZ 29 full power, where KUOK is a hidden subchannel. KOHC-CD 45 is unseen, instead getting KOTV Tulsa altho aimed at OKC! KOCM 46 Norman is not decoding either. Not even a 'bad' DTV signal detectable on 41 from listed KXOC-LP OKC with Tuff TV, and I never see it in analog either.

I see that W9WI.com now shows a 62.4 from RF 50 KOPX OKC, Ion TV which dropped all its fourth channels a year or two ago, as ShopTV --- and so it is. How wonderful (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAKISTAN. 9560, 28/Jan 1843, No signal from R Pakistan, (1700-1900 on 9560*ISL 250 kW / 313 deg to WeEu Urdu--> * including English news bulletin 1700-1710) Propagation? Present on 11570 undergoing several QRM from R Cairo on 11560. End of transmission at 1900. Listening on

remote radio from Twente, NL (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3365, NBC Milne Bay, 1340-1403*, Jan 24. In English asking people who wanted to become members to fill out an application and mail it in (a radio club?); pop Pacific Island songs in English (a first for me!); 1401 sign off announcement with frequencies, National Anthem; audio much clearer than normal (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 7324.95, Wantok Radio Light (presumed), 1409-1420, Jan 24. Non-stop EZL instrumental music, with one Christian song; poor, but better than usual (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7325, Logged R. Wantok Light [sic] from New Guinea, the current offset is 41 Hertz minus:

7324.959 kHz, measured around 0745-0800 UT Jan 27. Noted endless sweet South Sea music. Used the remote SDR unit in downunder Australia. At 0702-0703 UT announcement by female, followed by woman chorus in Vernacular til 0706 UT (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 27, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

[and non]. 7325-, Jan 30 at 1348, the dominant CRI Japanese service, 500 kW, 73 degrees from Xian, definitely has a fast SAH and CCI from something else, while CRI itself is not so strong. Must be Wantok Radio Light, PNG, and I know that a semi-hour break from Xian is imminent before resuming at 1430 in Filipino, 145 degrees.

At 1358, CRI is off leaving only the other weak station, JBA, bothered by storm noise level which must be coming from Alabama now. At 1400:08 I hear one beep but that could be QRM instead of a WRL timesignal. 1404 still a carrier but no modulation audible, so not much point in listening further into the day side.

Meanwhile however, I have compared this signal to 3325 Indo/PNG and 9325 Korea North and/or VOA Tinang, and find by comparison, 7325 is slightly on the low side, which is where everyone reports WRL: Ron Howard put it 50 Hz low Jan 24 during the same window; Wolfgang B,schel reported 41 Hz low on Jan 27. I take this opportunity to remind everyone that the name of the station is NOT ``Radio Wantok Light`` as some insist on inverting it (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4810 Peru, Radio Logos, 2330-2340 with flauta andina, Very

Powerful signal with Codar interference. Best in LSB to avoid ute
(Bob Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Jan 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. Prompted by Bob Wilkner tip that R. Logos was powerful at
2340 Jan 25 on 4810, I try it an hour+ later, but not much here. Some
OA frequencies are making it, altho well-known 60m ones I do not stick
with trying to dig out IDs, January 26:

4747, Jan 26 at 0050, weak broadcast, presumably R. Huanta 2000. Aoki
shows sign-off at 0100 already
4775, Jan 26 at 0049 music, no doubt usual R. Tarma. At 0120 I am also
hearing some English QRM, must be a local mix
4790, Jan 26 at 0120, weak signal, presumed R. VisiŮn, also with LAH
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4774.941, Radio Tarma, 0211-0220 Jan 27, Not much of a signal
here but what is heard turns out to be steady music (Chuck Bolland,
WR-G31DDC Excalibur, 26N 081W, Clewiston FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4789.877, Tentatively R. VisiŮn "Transmite, R. VisiŮn" just
above threshold signal level at 0620 UT Jan 21. Great identification
song "Desde la ciudad Chiclayo, transmite R. VisiŮn" (Wolfgang
B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 26 via DXLD)

? Then why is it tentative? Wolfy, you use so many remote receivers
now, that we sometimes wonder if you forget to mention one in a
particular log, or was this really on your own radio in Stuttgart?
(Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** PERU. 4810, Per', Radio Logos, Chazuta, Tarapoto, 1000 to 1130 as
radio emisora returned 23 Jan. Jim Young had log 0932 - earlier than
mine; 1000 with powerful signal on 24 Jan; seemed off 25 Jan from 1000
to 1100. Radio Logos noted for beautiful flauta andina mixing with
CODAR and avoiding hash on 4810 USB. 2300 to 0000 very powerful signal
25 Jan, 0930 with music 27 Jan (XM, Cedar Key - South Florida, NRD
525D, R8A, E-5, via Bob Wilkner, and Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach,
South Florida, NRD 535D -Icom 746Pro - Drake R8 - AOG and 60 meter
dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4810.000, Radio Logos, 0200-0215 Jan 27, Noted a female in Spanish
language comments briefly, then a male joins her for a minute or two.
Signal is very weak with QRM which is being notched with just a little
success (Chuck Bolland, WR-G31DDC Excalibur, 26N 081W, Clewiston FL,
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4835.03 kHz --- R. Ondas del Sur Oriente, Quillabamba (ex
5120.00), 28/01 2310-0022, 44444+++ , m'sica trasmisiŮn // con Radio
Felicidad de Lima, ID "En radio Felicidad", m'sica LA rom.ntica en

forma continua. ID "Radio Felicidad tu música, tu radio, Radio Felicidad 1110"

Recién a las 7 de la noche inician su transmisión local, dan varios ads y luego el ID, "Son las 7 de la noche con 11 minutos, así iniciamos esta, la tercera edición de Libre Opinión a través de Radio Ondas del Sur Oriente en sus tres frecuencias 96.5 FM, 1530 en amplitud modulada y a partir de la fecha señores en la poderosa onda corta tropical en la frecuencia 4835, estamos en la frecuencia 4835, por supuesto para todos los amigos que sintonizan la programación de Ondas del Sur Oriente.."

Verifico en los 5120 kHz y no hay señal alguna.

NOTA: Don Jensen me escribió hoy preguntándome sobre esta frecuencia, la cual ha sido captada en forma alterna por ellos y ver que logro. Este tipo de triangulación DX y su resultado, nos muestra lo grato que es nuestro DX cuando hay coordinación y comunicación. tnx Don. Justo a partir de hoy la estación inicia sus transmisiones en esta frecuencia. Misión cumplida. Adjunto la grabación del caso. 73's (Pedro F Arruntegui, Lima, -- Vivo en una casa muy pequeña, pero, sus ventanas se abren hacia un mundo muy grande, Jan 28, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BTW, Pedro F. Arruntegui in Lima has more Peruvian news for us: R. Ondas del Sur Oriente, Quillabamba just moved Jan 28 from 5120 to 4835.03, heard at 2310-2422 // Radio Felicidad 1110 in Lima, romantic music, but with local programming starting at 00 UT. His clip of it has been posted to the DXLD yg.

Not sure what the evening schedule is, when I never heard it on 5120, but last February, Dave Valko found the transmitter on long before modulation started in the mornings, 1104 one day, 1041 the next.

I wonder if the QSY also signifies it has become duly licensed and thus eligible for an in-band frequency. WRTH 2013 showed *no* call sign on 1 kW 5120, and a schedule of 10-03. I guess the previous Peruvian on 4835, and still in Aoki, of course, R. Marañón, is long gone. Quillabamba will now collide with Sikkim in the mornings and/or VL8A as long as it keeps on 60m instead of 120m; and WWCR 4840 ACI on the air from 01 to 13.

4835, Jan 30 at 0112, no sign of R. Ondas del Sur Oriente, as per Pedro F Arruntegui's report the night before. I need to check an hour earlier before WWCR comes on 4840, but even with BFO I cannot detect a carrier on 4835, yet can hear CODAR sweeps; it's a poor South American night, weak signals e.g. on 4885 Brasil, 4790 Per'. Recheck at 0255, still just CODAR. So was it on the air during this period?

4835, Jan 30 at 2337, JBA carrier from perhaps Ondas del Sur Oriente, Quillabamba, its new frequency ex-5120 reported by Pedro F. Arrun·tegui, Lima. This time I am checking well before WWCR starts 4840 at 0100. Next try at 0050: better on LSB, can barely make out some enthusiastic talk, could be Spanish. Also always CODAR. 0058 a little stronger, but nothing more copied before WWCR blasts on at *0059:25. Now it's quickly over to 5980 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. Other presumed Peruvian signals audible, 5460, Jan 31 at 0049 with JBA carrier, R. Bolívar; 4775 at 0055 music, yelling, R. Tarma (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5921, Radio Bethel, noted 2330-2340 Spanish 25 Jan (XM, Cedar Key - South Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E-5, via Bob Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. Reception of R Chaski in Sweden --- ChasquiDX announced a few days ago that Pedro F Arrun·tegui has heard the new religious R Chaski on 5980 kHz. There is an open window on the frequency between 2200 and 2300 UT. Two days ago the station was heard with quite good signal here and also yesterday but unfortunately not as good reception. A reception report was sent to them and this morning I got a reply stating among others "You are correct that Radio Chaski has not been on the air for very long. We began transmissions in November of last year. The station had not been on the air for many years, but with a new solid-state transmitter, we began transmissions once again. I believe you are the first international listener to contact us"

The email was signed by Bruce Maddux. The signal was quite weak at 2300 and improved; Unfortunately BBC cuts the ID a little when starting up. 73 (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, Jan 25, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non]. 5980, Jan 24 at 1237, wall-of-noise jamming, of course, from the DentreCuban Jamming Command vs R. Martí, which runs from before 0700 until 1300 at least. Pedro F. Arrun·tegui in Lima has just revealed there is a new station in Cusco on 5980, Radio Chaski, which he heard well Jan 16 at 1234-1340; they told him they are testing with a schedule of 10-15 & 22-03 UT, so obviously our only chance to hear it is in the evenings. HFCC shows the competition then: 23-24 BBC English via Oman; 00-01 IBB Tibetan via Sri Lanka; 0130-0200 BBC Urdu via Oman. Only other South American to look out for on 5980 is R. Guaruj·, Florianópolis SC, Brasil, which as of November was not confirmed to be active (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5980, further chex for the new R. Chaski, Cusco: not only do we have R. Martí and wall-of-noise DentreCuban jamming at 07-13 UT, but at

least lite residual Cuban pulse jamming continues on 5980 at many (all?) other hours, typical incompetent overkill and disrespect for other non-hostile broadcasters: Jan 24 at 2308 check, Jan 25 at 0117, 0205 the jamming is still there, plenty to block the Peruvian if really on and testing tonight as Pedro F. Arrun-tegui reports scheduled until 0300. Here is his 17-second clip of it announcing 5980 only:

<http://www.w4uvh.net/chaski5980PFA.mp3>

5980, Jan 26 at 0100 during the half-hour window when supposedly no other stations in the world are on this frequency, another try for the new R. Chaski, Cuzco. To my surprise I am not hearing any jamming this time, but the local noise level on the porch is yet hitting 6 bars on the DX-398. Nevertheless I have some very weak talk past 0103. I have left the computer on inside, so go turn it off hoping to lower the noise, but makes no difference, both good news and bad, as there are still 6 bars of noise when I resume at 0112, but now the station is gone. More tries will ensue. Has anyone definitely heard R. Chaski in N America yet? At 0127 check, the Cuban jamming was definitely on and propagating on 5890, 6030 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5980, 26/Jan 2307, UNID. Very weak signal of a hymn in the background of the signal from BBC. Following in the BBC in radio remote from Twente- Netherlands, had not music in their programming. At 2326 the signal from the BBC no longer appears in my Degen. R Chaski? Until at 2332 I still could hear excerpts from a religious hymn. No more signal at 2337 in my Degen (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14YS 38 58YW - Brasil, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 6 kHz. Dipole antenna, 16 meters - east/west, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The window is open from 2200 to 2300 UT when BBC signs on. Tonight Jan 26 at 2259z I heard R Chaski on 5980.018 with a nice ID. You can listen to the signal received in Engelholm here:

http://www.thomasn.sverige.net/5980-130126-2259z-Radio_Chaski.mp3

So definitely this one Jorge Freitas heard tonight. According to information from the station they are currently on the air 0500-1000 and 1700-2000 local time. 73 (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Original report said until 2200 local = 0300 UT. But I had something which went off shortly after 0100 = 20 local in Per', so that fits (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Al momento con con una aceptable se0al en 5980 kHz Radio Chaski, la nueva emisora desde Per', reportada por el colega Pedro F Arrun-tegui en su Chasqui DX de enero 2013, retransmitiend o la se0al de Red Radio

Integridad, comprobado con el audio en línea en

<http://redradiointegridad.com>

(Rafael Rodríguez R., Bogotá D.C. - Colombia, Winradio G303i Dipolo 10 m, 2338 UT Jan 27, condiglista yg via DXLD)

Información sobre la peruana Radio Chaski en 5980 --- Buscando información sobre la nueva peruana reportada por el colega Pedro Arrunategui desde Lima, les reenvío un enlace a la página de la emisora; allí hay fotos de la emisoras, estudios y transmisores

<http://www.bmmcusco.org/RadioChaski/>

(Rafael Rodríguez R, Bogotá - Colombia, Jan 30, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

Sign on the building is shared with Radio Mensajero 94.9 FM, as is the website, and Chaski is also on AM 630. Not surprisingly, they do show a Quechua announcer, whom I think I have been hearing. Also shows some fix-tuned receivers, no doubt Galcom. Dear DXer, consider yourself blessed that you do not have one (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5980, Jan 29 at 0052 I start monitoring for the new R. Chaski, Cuzco. Good sign: there is CCI from two stations, but also splat from CRI Habana 5990 which is about to finish. At 0059 I am hearing both music and a Chinese announcement. Chi station timesignal ends at 0100* and off the air, still hearing instrumental music, maybe with a religious tinge? Muffled announcement follows. I have a pretty good ear for Spanish, but I could not recognize it as such, so Quechua? After another bit of music like a fanfare, more talk and now I definitely pick out a few Spanish words. This cuts off the air abruptly at 0104:50*. So altho I have not heard an ID, I am now positive it is R. Chaski. The Chinese station would be CNR1 jammer of VOA Tibetan via Sri Lanka. And no Cuban pulse jamming audible now, despite R. Martí in the madrugada.

News about R. Chaski from other sources: Thomas Nilsson in Sweden heard it January 23 during an earlier window at 22-23 UT and contacted the station. Reply came from one Bruce Maddux, so it would appear English is fine. He said they had begun in November after many years off the air, and Thomas was the first international listener to contact them. (We all have been remiss in not finding it before PFA did!) Station says schedule is 05-10 & 17-20 local time, rather than - 22 as PFA first reported. 20 local = 01 UT, so this closure and the previous one I heard UT Jan 26 a few minutes after 01 fit that schedule. Thomas' recording of it a few days later:

http://www.thomasn.sverige.net/5980-130126-2259z-Radio_Chaski.mp3

This was on exactly 5980.018. Seemed zero-beat with the ChiCom jammer to me, no SAH noticed.

Rafael Rodríguez in Colombia says it rebroadcasts the signal of Red Radio Integridad, matching the webcast at <http://redradiointegridad.com> so expect to hear that ID as well as R. Chaski.

5980, Jan 29 at 2259, checked for R. Chaski, Cuzco, when Thomas Nilsson in Sweden has heard it, but as expected this is too early here, nothing. Jan 30 at 0058 another try at R. Chaski, much like last night, mixing with Chinese, presumed CNR1 jammer, but unlike last night, there is quite a lot of storm noise from the Mississippi Valley area. Again the ChiCom goes off at 0100* after timesignal, and I still hear music; 0100:30, muffled announcement again I can't recognize as Spanish; 0101:45 fanfare music and talk again like 24 hours earlier; 0103:20 more music, talk with Spanish intonation, and cut off the air at 0104:52* give or take a few sec, a close match to last night 0104:50* --- looks like they let a timer turn it off, regardless of the programming in progress. It's fortunate that they do run a few minutes past 0100 in the clear (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

En 5980 kHz había una emisora en español, pero no la pude identificar, parecía Martí; ahora hay una emisora en Chino o similar, ahora la señal es mucho mas fuerte a las 2345 a 2358 UT (Ernesto Paulero, 0003 UT Jan 31, condiglista yg via DXLD)

Martí is *not* on the air this time of day on 5980, even if there is jamming. That Spanish would be R. Chaski (gh, DXLD)

Recibido correo-e confirmando mi reporte a la estación peruana Radio Chaski 5980 kHz; el informe fue enviado al misionero Bruce Maddux --- m's en http://www.bmmcusco.org/Maddux/bruce_maddux.html adjuntando archivo de audio; pero recibo la confirmación desde Valentin Quispe H (vaquime24 @ hotmail.com) quien es el administrador de la emisora. El correo de vuelta tomó solo 3 horas. Confirma los horarios de transmisión, en la mañana transmisión local en Quechua desde las 1000 a 1500 UT, en la tarde retransmisión de Red Radio Integridad de 2200 a 0100 UT (Rafael Rodríguez R., Bogotá D.C. - COLOMBIA, condiglist yg also via Jorge Freitas, DXLD)

But really on air until 0105. Heard it again tonight, cut carrier at 0105:01* As I say on WORLD OF RADIO, the time to catch it in North America is 0100-0105. (and maybe before 2300 in the east). (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

5980, UT Jan 31 at 0045, two signals, the CNR1 jammer, and probably the other is R. Chaski rather than jammer target VOA Tibetan via Sri Lanka. 0059, another check: Chinese jammer again cuts off at 0100* sharp after 5-pip timesignal, uncovering music, harp? Very poor in

noise level: if only the ChiCom would leave an unmodulated carrier on to suppress it. At 0101:25 once again the muffled announcement unseems Spanish; 0102:25 music and talk mixed, and by 0104 I can tell it's Spanish. Watching my watch this time and carrier cuts abruptly at exactly 0104:56, i.e. for the third night in a row within a few sex of this time.

Rafael Rodríguez has found a webpage for R. Chaski including photos: <http://www.bmmcusco.org/RadioChaski/>
Axually hardly anything but some photos; not surprisingly, they do show a Quechua announcer, whom I think I have been hearing. Also shows some fix-tuned receivers, no doubt Galcom. Dear DXer, consider yourself bless'ed that you do not have to use one. R. Chaski is run by Bruce Maddux, Baptist missionary who shares his gmail address with Debbie; along with Radio Mensajero 94.9 FM, and Chaski is also on AM 630 --- not in WRTN 2013; in fact not listing any Peruvians on 630, but one on 634, R. Cajamarca. Has anyone DXed such a split? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Viz., the two letters on Maddux' website:

November 25, 2012, Dear Partners in Prayer,

The team led by Baptist Mid-Missions administrators VW Peters and Steve Fulks, including three other men, did arrive Saturday, October 20. They worked very hard to install the electrical system and new transmitters inside the new building and a new shortwave antenna nearby. They also completed a broadcasting/recording studio on the Bible institute property in Urubamba. We really appreciate them for their efforts and for those who helped get the transmitters from the United States to Peru, through the customs import process in Lima and then shipped to Cusco. It was a huge effort by all and we say "Thank You" to you who prayed and to those who were involved!

Although the construction team and Bruce had planned to have the shortwave, FM and AM transmitters (see attached pictures) all on the air before the team left for the United States, only the FM was on the air. The shortwave transmitter received some minor damage in shipment, but we didn't know about that until the team left. Help from at least one member of the engineering staff at HCJB Global, the ministry in the United States that designed the transmitters, revealed that something had come loose inside the shortwave transmitter. The Lord enabled Bruce to repair this problem. Following the resolution of two other relatively minor issues, the shortwave was on the air! Bruce investigated the AM transmitter and finally with the help of technician Victor Moreno, the AM transmitter was broadcasting Friday morning, November 23, a short time before the rededication service for the radio ministry started.

The rededication service was a very special time. There were testimonies from folks how the radio ministry had impacted them in years passed. Sergio was at the point of suicide when he listened to Radio Mensajero, the FM broadcast. He found out about Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida, New Life Baptist Church in Urubamba. He met with the pastoral staff, called upon the Lord to be saved, was baptized and became a member of the church. Most of the members of the junta directiva or radio committee also spoke. There was a message from the Bible about the dedication of people and things to God.

Portable, pretuned, solar-powered radios (see attached pictures) were given one per family to those who attended the service. These radios were purchased years ago through the giving of others. As the radios were given out, the names and locations of those who received them was written down, so we have a record of how many were given out and to which area of Peru they went. More than 200 radios were distributed and we plan to give out many more. Many people in the outlying areas of the country don't know how to read, so the radio ministry is a huge blessing to them. Regular broadcasts over the shortwave frequency of Radio Chaski haven't happened for about ten years. Listeners have waited and prayed long and hard. Their patience and faithful prayers are now being rewarded!

The signal from the FM transmitter and antenna is getting out well into Urubamba and the surrounding area of the Sacred Valley of the Incas. The shortwave is getting out well, too. A person doesn't need one of the portable, pretuned, solar-powered radios to tune in Radio Chaski. Any shortwave radio receiver should work. We've gotten reports of reception from up to about 120 miles, although the coverage should theoretically be much farther. This isn't to say that everyone within a 120-mile radius can hear the shortwave broadcast. The coverage is better in some areas than in others, but many more can hear now than in the past.

We're waiting to get more reports. If you have a radio with shortwave bands, the Radio Chaski frequency is 5980 kHz or 5.98 MHz. Why not see if you can tune it in on your shortwave receiver? It's on the air from 5:00 AM to 10:00 AM and from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). The programming may be in Spanish or Quechua. If you tune in when the programming is in Spanish, you may hear the tunes of familiar Christian songs.

Sincerely in Christ, Bruce, Debbie, Joshua, Josiah, and Jonathan Maddux, 2 Corinthians 4:5-6
http://www.bmmcusco.org/Maddux/RadioProject/bruce_maddux_rdo_proj.html

January 26, 2013, Dear Partners in Prayer,

King David wrote, "Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified" (Psalms 70:4). When we seek the Lord, He causes us to rejoice. When we think about the tremendous price that was paid for our salvation, what else can we do but seek to magnify and honor Him?

We hope that you enjoyed your Christmas and New Year's celebrations. We had a Christmas gathering with our colleagues in Urubamba and celebrated the days with our family, too. No doubt this year will be full of challenges and opportunities. What a blessing that the Lord is in control of our time, as the psalmist wrote, "My times are in thy hand" (Psalms 31:15).

Thanks for your prayers regarding decisions about programming for the radio ministry. Pastor Edward Zacarías from Radio Integridad (Integrity Radio) in Lima came for a visit earlier this month. We started using programming from Radio Integridad shortly after his visit. We also have programming in Quechua, one of the native languages of Peru, for five hours each morning and three hours each evening, which originates from our studios in Urubamba.

We continue to receive calls at the studios almost daily from new listeners from all over Peru to the shortwave, which broadcasts at 5980 kHz. A real surprise came recently as Bruce received emails from what we believe are our first listeners in many years from outside of Peru – one from Sweden and other from Chicago. We expect to hear from other international listeners as the word spreads that Radio Chaski is on the air. Our primary target area for listeners is, of course, Peru, but it's still exciting to get reports from listeners from faraway places, too!

Thanks for praying about the new passports. The process took longer than we had hoped, but we're glad to have them!

Bruce's Aunt Sue received good news earlier this month. She will not need to have another scan for five months. Praise the Lord! Thanks for praying for her!

Now there are two teenagers in the home as Joshua turned 20 on January 19. We celebrated at one of his favorites in Cusco, Bambos, a gourmet hamburger place. We also enjoyed cake and ice cream when we returned home. Thanks to those who sent cards.

We're looking forward to traveling to Lima on Friday, February 1 as we have BMMoPer Ministry Team meetings the following week and then hope to have a short vacation. Please pray for: 1) safety in travel, 2) profitable times as we meet with and have times of fellowship with our

BMM colleagues from throughout Per', 3) opportunities to share about the Lord and 4) good family times together. We plan to return to Cusco on Friday, February 15.

We appreciate you for the faithful prayer support you provide. We are the ihandsî and ifeetî to be involved in the work here, but the real power comes from the prayers that you offer on our behalf. Thank you!

Sincerely in Christ, Bruce, Debbie, Joshua, Josiah, and Jonathan Maddux, 2 Corinthians 4:5-6

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Station Information: Radio Chaski 5980 kHz SW and 630 kHz AM Radio Mensajero 94.9 MHz FM, Pasaje Santa Clara 251, Urubamba, Cusco-Per'
<http://bmmcusco.org/RadioChaski/> (via gh, DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. 11750, Jan 26 at 1446, subcontinental music, unusually stronger than RHC during its 'Agenda 21' and making slow SAH; 1449 switch to talk, a bit overmodulated as is the song at 1455. 1500 RVA IS and sign-off in English until 2100 UT in Mandarin. HFCC and Aoki show it's been Telugu, 250 kW, 280 degrees from Palauig-Zambales at 1430-1500. A favorite Filipino frequency is 11750, preceded by FEBC in Lahu at 1400-1430, and on weekends, VOA Tinang at 1300-1400 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** POLAND [non]. /BULGARIA Cancelled transmission of Polish Radio External Service: 1500-1600 on 12095 SOF 100 kW / 030 deg to EaEu Polish, now on MW 1386 LTU (DX RE MIX NEWS #765 from Georgi Bancov & Ivo Ivanov, Mon Jan 28, 2013 via DXLD)

** PORTUGAL. Altho off the air for a few years, a final decision had not been reached whether to resume any RDP SW broadcasts. Now it has - -- (Glenn Hauser, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MINISTRO PORTUGU S RELVAS ANUNCIA FIM DEFINITIVO DAS EMISS'ES ---
29 de Janeiro, 2013

O Governo decidiu acabar com as emissões da RDP em onda curta e a administraÃ„o da RTP apresentar em Maro um plano de reestruturao

no qual est· a trabalhar "h· muitos meses", disse hoje o ministro Miguel Relvas.

"Esse plano est· numa fase adiantada, n·o seria poss·vel ser apresentado em 1 de Mar·o, se n·o estivesse numa fase adiantada" , disse o ministro-adjunto e dos Assuntos Parlamentares, hoje presente na comiss·o parlamentar para a ...tica, para a Cidadania e para a Comunica·o, ao abrigo de um requerimento potestativo do Partido Socialista sobre o futuro da RTP e do servi·o p·blico de televis·o.

Esse plano culminar· numa nova rela·o entre o Estado e a esta·o de televis·o p·blica. O ministro afirmou, nesse sentido, que o Governo ter· que alterar o actual contrato de concess·o de servi·o p·blico com a RTP. "Vamos ter que fazer uma altera·o ao contrato, que est· em vigor at· 2019", anunciou.

Na mesma interven·o de respostas a quest·es colocadas por v·rios deputados, o ministro garantiu ainda que o conselho de administra·o da RTP est· "mandatado" para procurar um parceiro tecnol·gico e que este n·o est· definido "a priori".

"N·o h· aqui qualquer parceria p·blico-privada", afirmou Relvas, numa reac·o a uma express·o utilizada por Cec·lia Hon·rio, do Bloco de Esquerda. "A RTP produz conte·dos, agrega conte·dos", precisa de um parceiro tecnol·gico que a ajude a encontrar novas solu·es de emiss·o e divulga·o desses conte·dos, afirmou o ministro.

Quanto · decis·o definitiva de terminar o servi·o p·blico previsto na Lei da R·dio e manter na r·dio p·blica as obriga·es de emiss·o em onda curta, Relvas anunciou claramente: "Vamos eliminar a onda curta, n·o h· meios, vamos fazer as altera·es legislativas necess·rias" .

Relvas frustrou finalmente todas as tentativas por parte dos deputados da oposi·o de quantificar o n·mero de despedimentos que implicar· o plano de reestrutura·o da RTP, disse que isso seria respondido pelo plano do conselho de administra·o, corrigindo, ainda assim, elementos que tinha dado antes relativamente aos custos da empresa com pessoal. S·o 90 milh·es de euros, que equivalem a 35% dos custos operacionais da empresa, disse Relvas.

O ministro-adjunto e dos Assuntos Parlamentares revelou hoje que a RTP ir· recorrer a uma opera·o de emiss·o de d·vida na ordem dos 42 milh·es de euros junto da banca comercial para financiar um plano de "transforma·o", o "sem recorrer ao Or·amento do Estado".
Fonte: Lusa/SOL (via Jo·o Costa, Portugal, Jan 29, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

PORTUGUESE MINISTER ANNOUNCES DEFINITIVE END RELVAS EMISSIONS

January 29, 2013

The Government decided to end emissions of short-wave and RDP RTP present administration in March a restructuring plan where is working "for many months," said the minister today Miguel Relvas.

"This plan is at an advanced stage, it would be possible submitted on March 1, if you were not at an advanced stage," said the Deputy Minister and Parliamentary Affairs, today this the parliamentary committee for Ethics, Citizenship and the Communication, under a request potestative Party Socialist on the future of RTP and television public service.

This plan will culminate in a new relationship between the state and the station public television. The minister said, accordingly, that the Government must change the current concession contract with public service RTP. "We'll have to make a change to the contract, which is in force until 2019, "he announced.

In the same intervention responses to questions posed by various MPs, the minister also ensured that the board RTP is "mandated" looking for a technology partner and This is not defined "a priori".

"Is not there any public-private partnership", said Relvas, a reaction to an expression used by Cecilia Honorius, Block Left. "The RTP produces content, content adds," need a technology partner to help her find new solutions emission and dissemination of content, said the minister.

As for the final decision to terminate the expected utility in Law on Radio and on public radio keeping obligations issued in short wave, Relvas clearly announced: "We will eliminate shortwave, there is no way we will make the necessary legislative changes. "

Relvas finally thwarted all attempts by MPs opposition to quantify the number of redundancies will involve RTP's restructuring plan, said that would be answered by plane of the board, correcting still elements who had given before over the costs with company personnel. There are 90 million, equivalent to 35% of operating costs the company said Relvas.

The Deputy Minister and Parliamentary Affairs today revealed that RTP will resort to the issuance of debt in the order of 42 million from commercial banks to finance a plan "The processing", an action "without recourse to the state budget." Source: Lusa / SOL (google translation unimproved, via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

Otra que se va definitivamente; inactiva por algunos años, a Portugal le llegó la guillotina. HAN (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, as he forwards this to the condiglist yg)

Well, that sucks (John Figliozzi, FL, dxldyg via DXLD)

John: Yes, it seems so that, The Powers That Be silence the once mighty voice of RDP International. It leaves us with another gaping hole in the 31 meter band where they used to be heard well 73's, (Noble West, Clinton TN, ibid.)

** PORTUGAL. Members, Luís Carvalho has just joined the group as our 70th member - quite a milestone. A spin-off from this is that I am OK to reproduce the article which Luís posted on mwdx yesterday. Thanks to Luís for his expert local knowledge.

"Hello all, According to user "TMG" , who reported this info. in the Portuguese Yahoo! Group "Mundo da R·dio" [open archives]
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mundo_da_radio/message/781

The tower for Antena 1 in Miramar (V. N. Gaia - near Oporto) didn't survive the storms which affected Portugal mainland two weeks ago. As the tx in ValenÁa (666 kHz) has been inactive since August 2011, MW coverage of Antena 1 in the Northwest of the country is currently much reduced. Re. ValenÁa, RTP's technical dept. has been delaying this question, because the old transmitter suffered an irreparable breakdown and the public radio is facing budgetary limitations. I hope the tx in Miramar doesn't get the very same treatment as the ones in Madeira archipelago and the tx in Pico da Barrosa (Azores)..."
73's and 88's (Dan Goldfarb, mwmasts yg via DXLD) WTFK? Viz.:

Re: R·dios afectadas pelo temporal (QUEDA DA TORRE MF/OM - Antena 1 Miramar) --- Assim È, caro Gilberto Fialho. Infelizmente, alÈm dos operadores que referiu, h· ainda a registar a queda da torre MF/OM da Antena 1, de Miramar (V.N. Gaia), 720 kHz, no dia 19 de Janeiro. A estrutura foi ao solo e est· l· desfeita, n·o havendo, naturalmente, sinal proveniente do tx. na frequÊncia em causa. Todo o litoral norte est· sem Onda MÈdia da Antena 1, se nos recordarmos que o tx. de ValenÁa j· n·o emite h· cerca de ano e meio, por avaria. Cumprimentos (meridientime, Jan 27, mundo_da_radio yg via DXLD)

** PRIDNESTROVYE. 7290, PRIDNESTROVIE, Radio PMR, Grigoriopol, 2059-2110 Jan 21 English; Transmitters tones; pips into s/on announcement; M announcer with news re Ukrainian/Moldovan affairs; UNICEF, health, education & child protection issues; cultural program re baptism of Christ & the Epiphany; f-g (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** ROMANIA. Heard them loud & clear here on 7325 and on 6145 from 0130 to 0200Z in English. Both frequencies were about the same strength, a solid S9+ and a very respectable SINPO of 45444 (Greg Putrich, Minneapolis, MN, Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA1530S+, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Romania International was observed in English with a Romanian language lesson on 7325 at 0150 UT on Wednesday, January 30. The program that follows is Athlete Of The Week. Great Signal from this station tonight, 59-64 db's gain. This is a good time to check other frequencies to see how they propagate at this hour. 73's (Noble West, Clinton TN, Tecsun PL380 DSP Receiver With Telescopic Whip Antenna, ibid.)

15170, Wed Jan 30 at 1435-1440, RRI with a comedy, lots of funny overexpressive voices in Romanian, and classical/operatic music bits; fair signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 5930, Jan 24 at 1235, R. Rossii, Pet/Kam is finishing ``Istanbul (not Constantinople)`, a great novelty song I always enjoy and have yet to ever hear on V. of Turkey (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R. Rossii, Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy operates on 5930 kHz also in winter time instead of 6010 kHz (WRTH National Radio update 25 Jan via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. 6005, 28/Jan 1736, (Relay), Adygeyan Radio in Adygea (listed). Local music. At 1737 YL talk, then OM talk. Fair, but with moderate/strong QRM from R Romania on 5995. Listening on remote radio from Twente, NL (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 6195, R Buryatiya, Ulan Ude, 2124-2200, Jan 08, local program in Russian and Buryat (similar to Mongolian). Several mentions of "Radio Buryatiya". Fair signal, but suffered from QRM with BBC. Their evening local program now can be heard also (Satoshi Wakisaka, Osaka, Japan, DSWCI DX Window Jan 23 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. 7260, Jan 25 at 1406, fair signal in English from VOR about ``Tatiana Day`` = Jan 25 in Russia. Would be sufficient if not for the SSB QRhAM on an above-normal E Asian morning. HFCC shows 500 kW, 230 degrees from Vladivostok at 10-16 but the English portion is 13-15 only. Off the back is 50 degrees, which aims right down the angled California/Nevada border (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11610, Quick check of Tatar Radio [0810-0900 UT] from Kazan on Jan 26 at 0815 UT [scheduled still via Samara transmitter site now ?] reveals a strong - like groundwave - signal of S=9+45dB in Moscow. Distance between Samara and Moscow is 850 kilometers, and I wonder if such 25 meterband signal would be so powerful strong on this path?

At 0800 UT all three V of Russia English service signals on 13 mb heard also in Bavaria Germany, 21800IRK and 21820NVS kHz are equal fair strength, but 21840 kHz is a little bit stronger, latter targeted from Novosibirsk towards South Asia (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 26 via DXLD)

Well, a similar situation here with KJES, about the same distance on 11715 a few hours after sunrise in full day path: yes! can be very strong (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. [Re 13-04, Taldom transmissions]: "That`s all?"

Indeed, and even worse: This is all that remains of "Moscow" shortwave altogether, with nothing going out from Lesnoy and Avsyunino (a.k.a. Kurovskaya) anymore. And elsewhere in European Russia nothing besides Na volne Tatarstana from Samara, GTRK Adygeya from Tbilisskaya and a few hours of DRM from Bolshakovo remains either. Putin and Bystritskiy have almost killed shortwave from Russia (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Jan 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAINT HELENA. Strange but interesting: "SHBC" is not "SHB(G)C" , but "SHB(G)C" (also) uses the abbreviation "SHBC" !! Mike Olsson is the legal owner of the St. Helena Broadcasting Corporation, but that is not the same St. Helena Broadcasting Corporation that plans to start three new FM stations soon!! The company with the new FM stations therefore had to be formally named the St. Helena Broadcasting (Guarantee) Corporation!! To confuse the issue further, the SHB(G)C uses the name "SHBC" for its new FM stations and for its web address. The SHB(G)C has the Sentinel newspaper and will have three new FM stations. Mike Olsson (i.e. SHBC) has the Independent newspaper and has closed SaintFM along with its live audio stream in Internet. Mr. Olsson is now offering the SaintFM facilities and the name "SHBC" for sale or rent and will continue to publish the Independent newspaper (via Robert Kipp, Germany, Jan DSWCI SW News via DXLD)

** SARAWAK [non]. Radio Free Sarawak New Frequency Test on January 25, 2013 -----

Radio Free Sarawak Testing, testing, testing. . . Dear supporters/listeners/friends, Please note that RFS is running a test show tomorrow Jan 25 via SW 9900 kHz from 9 pm to 10 pm [UT +8 = 13-14

UT] {NOT}

This is to help us decide if we should move to this new frequency as the current frequency is facing propagation problem that has caused widespread poor reception. Please help us spread this notice far and wide among your network. Thank you. Your RFS team (via Prithwiraj Purkayastha on Facebook via Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, W.B., India, Jan 24, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

I guess it's Palau too, although not mentioned (PSG, INDIA, ibid.)

9900 kHz via Palau at *1200-1258* UT on Jan. 25, fair in Japan (S. Hasegawa, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Test transmission of Radio Free Sarawak in Iban on Fri, Jan. 25: 1200-1300 on 9900 UNIDentified tx site to SEAs. Zero signal in Sofia, Bulgaria. Very poor in Hong Kong. Strong signal in Singapore, Manila, Jakarta and Sydney -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, ibid.)

Re ``9pm to 10pm`` --- why time zone difference to Sarawak Malaysia is now UTC +9 hrs? All websites show +8 hrs time difference. So I looked unfortunately at 13 UT to ZERO on various remote units around Pacific. 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, ibid.)

I think that mistake of the carry time (S. Hasegawa, ibid.)

Radio Free Sarawak 7,702 like this 2 hours ago Emergency --- Sorry folks, We gave out the wrong time of the test broadcast. It's is 8 pm to 9 pm. Please spread. 15 min left. Thanks, RFS team
You, Fachri Ilyas and 32 others like this. [Facebook]

Rob Wagner: Very powerful signal on the test frequency of 9900 kHz. Significantly better reception here than on 15425 with less fading. Seems to be a great choice. My location is Melbourne, Australia. Good luck, everyone.

Ted C Patterson: Gave a listen to the Radio Free Sarawak test transmission via Palau on 9900 between 1230 and 1240 UT, S9+20 db signal in the clear here in the Philippines. Armchair listening, indeed. My location is on the island of Cebu, South Central Philippines (via Partha Sarathi Goswami, West Bengal, Eastern India, dxldyg via DXLD)

I heard it weak but audible in Ontario, Canada. Rob Wagner heard it well in Australia and he figures it is via Palau from his observations (Mark Coady, ODXA yg via DXLD)

9900, PALAU, Radio Free Sarawak at 1242 in presumed Iban with a man with long talks then brief music at 1251 and a man with brief excited talk and a full "Radio Free Sarawak" ID and station info - Weak but audible Jan 25. Thanks to a tip from Aussie DXer Rob Wagner as their website does not list them going past 1200 and only lists 15420 KHz - (Mark Coady, ed, Your Logs, ODXA via DXLD)

15425 26/Jan 1130-1136 Palau (Relay) R Free Sarawak in Iban. Talks of OM. Very weak signal in my QTH, but audible (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14YS 38 58W - Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, THRESHOLD TINY LEVEL IN EUROPE AND JAPAN weak S=4, BUT DOWNUNDER IN AUSTRALIA NOTED S=8 AND FLUTTERY, 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, ibid.)

15425 KHz, RFS, S9 here in Eastern Part of India at 1120 UT (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, W.B., India, ibid.)

15425, 29/Jan 1004, PALAU (Relay), R Free Sarawak in Iban. OM and YL talk. Despite protests she is still in the air. Very weak signal in my QTH and weak signal in remote radio from Twente, NL (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana Bahia, 12 14YS 38 58W - Brasil, ibid.)

Will test 9900 again next Monday Feb 4 at 12-13. It will be an RFS test file (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST) But

The Radio Free Sarawak second test on 9900 from an unknown WRN site, which I mention on WORLD OF RADIO 1654 as Monday Feb 4, at 12-13 UT, has now been rescheduled to Tuesday Feb 5 at the same time (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SARAWAK [non]. Radio Kenyalang

<http://thestar.com.my/news/story.asp?file=/2013/1/27/sarawak/12633476&sec=sarawak>

"On a police report lodged against Radio Kenyalang by PRS Youth recently, Sng said as far as SWP was concerned, the party did not breach any law. iWhatís there to comment? If we're implicated in the police report, let the police do their investigation. iI've not seen the police report and I don't want to comment on something unnecessary,i he said. Besides, Sng said, there was no law in the country stopping a shortwave radio from broadcasting internationally."

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"KUCHING: Chief Minister Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud describes Radio Free Sarawak (RFS) as a 'naughty one' who has no respect for the truth. Masing added that Radio Free Sarawak and Radio Kenyalang must be stopped to prevent others from following suit." . . .

<http://www.theborneopost.com/2013/01/18/radio-stations-very-naughty-says-chief-minister/>

(via Bob Wilkner, Jan 27, DXLD)

Several more stories about this:

<http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=14094>

(kimandrewllriott.com via DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 9870, BSKSA (list log); 2227-2233+, 27-Jan; M in Arabic briefly at tune-in to W in Arabic commentary through BoH--many mentions of Arabya. SIO=2+33- in LSB -- impossible in AM due to strong grinder QRM [like Cuba? Or DRM? Neither scheduled around here --- gh].
// 9555 much better with SIO=3+53-. 7300 also listed at this time not heard.

11820, BSKSA (list log); 1812, 25-Jan; M commentary in Arabic and brief Kor'an chants. SIO=2+52+; no other listed BSKSAs heard.
11820, BSKSA (list log); 2012, 25-Jan; Koran chanting. SIO=2+52+.
Nothing on sked 11915, 11930 covered by Marti(presumed) & 9580 covered by Australia.

15435, BSKSA (list log); 1622-1625:43*, 25-Jan; 2M interview in Arabic; off abruptly; apparently tried to come back on a few times over the next few minutes, but only brief spikes on the S meter. SIO=3+23 with strong buzz QRM -- buzz disappeared when they did. Only other listed BSKSA (presumed) heard was Koran chanting on 13710; SIO=333- with hiss QRM (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15435, Jan 29 at 1507, the Buzzing Service of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is back! Nothing but a big buzz; at least it's not spreading to other frequencies (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SERBIA [non]. Not too far away (in distance or frequency [from ROMANIA q.v. 6145]), R Serbia is doing very nicely here as well on 6190. It's around S9+10, but with a little more fading and some noise on the fades. English 0130-0200Z (Greg Putrich, Minneapolis, MN, Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA1530S+, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5019.9, SIBC 1026 to 1120 island music and chat noted for this first time this season 24 Jan, and 25 Jan same time (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, South Florida, NRD 535D -Icom 746Pro - Drake R8 - AOG and 60 meter dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALIA [non]. 11955, 1953 18/01, UAE, R. Damal (tentative), Dhabbaya, music, strong S9 (Flvio PY2ZX Archangelo, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALILAND. 7120, Jan 24 at 0334, R. Hargeysa is still here, only

poor signal as Qur'an finishes, into presumed Somali talk.

7120, Jan 26 at 1328, JBA carrier detectable vs. lots of CW QRhaM, so seems R. Hargeysa is still on and barely propagating longpath. I've yet to get enough signal during the reported 1320-1340v English segment (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7120, R. Hargeisa. Date/frequency photo montage QSL card and 600X ham card in 15 days via Baldur Drobnica, Consultant (DJ6SI), Zedernweg 6, D-50127 Bergheim, Germany. VIC #217 on the NASWA List (John Wilkins, Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Drake R-8, 100-foot RW. Dxingwithcumbre yg via DXLD)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 3320.015, Radio Sonder Grense, 0230-0245 Jan 27, At tune in, noted a musical program of a woman singing with piano accompanied. This continues during the period. Signal was fair (Chuck Bolland, WR-G31DDC Excalibur, 26N 081W, Clewiston FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. As of 1745-1805 on Thursday, Jan 24, BBC WS relays on 3255 and 6190 from Meyerton are both AWOL. Not even a trace of carrier. 6190 was carrying China, PBS Xinjiang, until 1800*, when it went off it left an empty channel. Both BBC frequencies are normally good at this time. BBC on 3255 and 6190 from Meyerton are back on air at later check, 1935 (Bill Bingham, Johannesburg, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. BULGARIA: 5900, Overcomer Ministry; 2105, 25-Jan; B.S. waxing about Obama & Clinton, then lapsed into Overcomer--2nd coming bits. SIO=3+53; // 9370 via WWRB Manchester TN at S20 & about 1 second behind 5900 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. 9535 // weaker 9620, Saturday Jan 26 at 2309, REE opening 'Desde el Infierno' with unmistakable spooky music and narration. Last weekend I also heard it during the previous 22 UT hour on Sunday (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A late mention but Saturday, Why after so many years of REE splatter smashing Sackvilles 9625 with their 9620 and 9630 team blasts knocking out much of the evenings CBC programming did Spain drop both frequencies on the same day that CBC 9625 died? I guess their job was done (David Medrick, Saturday, January 26, 2013 2348 UT, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

What do you mean? Both REE 9620-AM and at +00-02 9625-9630-9635 DRM via CR are still running as of Feb 3. CANADA failed to 'protect' the

frequency assuming no one would possibly be listening except in target area Northern Quebec, where maybe Sackville could override ACI (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11810, 0027 18/01, COSTA RICA, REE, Cariari de Pococi, DRM (Fl·vio PY2ZX Arch,ngelo, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) not 11815?

** SPAIN. Surprise: New additional transmissions of Radio Exterior de España in Spanish to WeEu, not mentioned in the official schedule of the station:

0900-1055 on 15585 NOB 050 kW / 060 deg to WeEu in DRM

1100-1255 on 13720 NOB 250 kW / 000 deg to WeEu, ex DRM

1500-1655 on 15585 NOB 250 kW / 060 deg to WeEu Sat/Sun

1700-2255 on 7275 NOB 250 kW / 050 deg to WeEu Sat/Sun (DX RE MIX NEWS #765 from Georgi Bancov & Ivo Ivanov, Mon Jan 28, 2013 via DXLD)

** SUDAN. 9505, 28/Jan 1832, Voice of Sudan in Arabic. Sequence of local music. Some minutes without modulation. Some male chorus, some other interruptions of modulation. Weak, but audible and strong QRM lateral. Listening on remote radio from Twente, NL (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. 11940, 0422 18/01, MDG, R. Tamazuji (tentative), Talata Volondry, Arabic, OM/YL talks, very weak S7 (Fl·vio PY2ZX Arch,ngelo, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SURINAME. 4990, R. Apintie, Paramaribo, 0952-1006 Jan 23; M announcer in listed Dutch with ad string; canned ID announcement at 1002 into M announcer with talk; weak but clear in ECCS-USB (Scott R. Barbour Jr. Intervale, N.H. USA, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200' Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. 6280, Clandestine, Sound of Hope, 2320-2330 presumed, scheduled for weekend only broadcast at this time, OM in long talk but unable to ID language, only station operating on this frequency, no signs of Firedrake 26 Jan (XM, Cedar Key - South Florida, NRD 525D, R8A, E-5, via Bob Wilkner, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAJIKISTAN. 4765, Jan 26 at 0050, weak broadcast audible, seemed Russish. Tajik Radio 1 does have some Russian segments, tho Aoki shows Tajik at this time; Russian-influenced (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4765.064, Radio Tajikistan, 0215-0230 Jan 27, Noted a woman in steady live comments. Not able to ident the language due to signal being too weak. Sounds like news however (Chuck Bolland, WR-G31DDC Excalibur, 26N 081W, Clewiston FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UGANDA. UBC R. is again active on 4976 and 7195 kHz (WRTH National Radio update 25 Jan via DXLD)

I haven't seen any reports recently of 7195 (gh, dxldyg via DXLD)

While I heard 4976 with fair copy almost all nights for last 4 weeks but never got a carrier on 7195 (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, W.B., India" Jan 27, ibid.)

Hi Partha, At what time did you check? As you surely know it is the daytime frequency and should be on between 0600-1300. 73, (Mauno Ritola, WRTH, ibid.)

I listen Uganda UGANDA UBC R. 4976 kHz around and after 18 UT and till past 2030 UT. A recording UGANDA UBC on 5th Jan 2013 at 1932 UT, 4976 kHz can be found here
<https://www.box.com/s/tysblt00gztwhgvrokk3>

And I meant that haven't heard any carrier on 7195 kHz at/between that time, and now I found this is listed for day time, surely I won't get it in between 0600-1300 UT (Partha, ibid.) Should be possible for you at sign-off 1300 UT = 1600 in Uganda (gh, DXLD)

** UKRAINE. UCRANIA REDUCE EL PERSONAL DE LA RADIO Y TELEVISI" N ESTATALES. lunes, 28/01/13

El ComitÈ Estatal de Radiotelevisi" n (CER) de Ucrania ha ordenado a las emisoras de radios y cadenas de televisi" n p' blicas reducir su personal entre un 10 y un 18 % antes del pr" ximo 1 de mayo, inform" hoy el diario "Kommersant-Ukraina". . .
(Agencia EFE)

FUENTE:

http://noticias.lainformacion.com/economia-negocios-y-finanzas/radio/ucrania-reduce-el-personal-de-la-radio-y-television-estatales_yMat0oVPv6ptIFpLzHzIT/

Website: The National Radio Company of Ukraine

<http://radioukr.com.ua/en/>

(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia <https://twitter.com/Nxdelaradio>

WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

This story does not mention RUI or the external service in particular. How long since you've listened to RUI, now that it is no longer on SW? Must admit I can't remember when I last did, but it's still running, UT January 30 ending the English news at 0310 via
<mms://89.187.1.165/NRCU4>

Current about a dance performance in Kiyiv today Jan 29 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. [Re 13-04, BBCR3]: "Someone also named Kai appended a Comment"
Hmmm. Really can not say that it would feel like multiple personality
- Kai (the one and only) Ludwig, Germany, Jan 27, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. BBC LOCAL RADIO CUTS

Article in the Daily Mail today re the cuts to BBC Local Radio:
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2269880/Listeners-attack-BBC-cuts-local-radio-seen-regional-programmes-axed-save-money.html>
(via Tony Boreham, Jan 29, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** U K. Free tours of New Broadcasting House --- From April, members of the public will be able to go on a 90-minute tour of NBH at a cost of £13.50 (concessions and group tickets also available). Free tours are being offered from 18 to 28 March. Tickets are available by calling 0370 901 1227 and quoting "BH free pilot tour offer". More details of the tour are at
http://www.bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/tours/bh_london.shtml
(Chris Greenway, England, Jan 28, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** U K [and non]. 7325, Jan 27 at 0558, Arabic with echo, and SAH, indicating BBCWS is running two unsynchronized transmitters here, inevitably self-QRMing. What genius scheduled this? Uplooked later in HFCC, here's what's happening:

04-05, 300 kW, 185 degrees from Cyprus,	CIRAF 47E, 48NW
04-07, 250 kW, 170 degrees from Woofferton,	CIRAF 37S, 38W, 46NW
05-06, 300 kW, 173 degrees from Cyprus,	CIRAF 38E, 39NW

Hey, there's no overlap in fragmented CIRAF target zones, so everything's fine and no alarm bells went off (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello all, I enjoy listening to the BBC at 0300 UT on 7435 kHz; always good reception in Montreal and convenient time for me to listen to one of my favorite news source that is the BBC. In the past few days it has become increasingly difficult to have a good listening, the audio seems to have problems with audio cutting off regularly during the 1 hour broadcast. Hope it gets better soon. 73 (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal , Canada, UT Jan 31, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I have also seen it on 7435. The audio cuts out but the carrier is still there. Can be quite annoying (Mike Mayer, ibid.)

** U S A. 7618-SSB, Jan 26 at 1438, very formal {para}military net, reading a notice about frequencies at dictation speed, just caught the end of it. Then various contacts, each concluding with a beep.

Tactical IDs mention Star-something, NCS then says ``going ALE-2``, but silence for a couple minutes before I hear some of that ``running water``.

Searching UDXF yg, we find: ``7618.0 usb 141a/ALE snd 042 RMRCAP, Civil Air Patrol, Rocky Mountain Region. 05:04:38UTC (2011-09-20) (Jon-FL in Florida, USA on StarChat/#wunclub) These are the loggings from the NSA logbot on several IRC channels. They are listed by Freq, Mode, Comment, UTC time, nickname, QTH and IRC channel``

This thread from May 31, 2009 lists both frequencies and tactical callsigns for CAP:

<http://forums.radioreference.com/utility-listening/146257-civil-air-patrol-hf.html>

7618.0-USB is a nationwide ALE Net. The only state callsigns with a Star are: Starfish in Minnesota, and Star Garnet in Idaho, presumably the latter with the Rocky Mountain connexion (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. [Re 13-04]: I think Secretary Clinton saw the Office of Inspector General's reference to the Broadcasting Board of Governors as "dysfunctional," and, in her memory, it morphed to "defunct." They are, after all, both "func" words. (See previous post about the OIG report.)

"Defunct" is a wildly inaccurate description of US international broadcasting. The United States spends more than \$700 million dollars a year on international broadcasting, with three thousand hours a week in 59 languages, via radio, television, and internet, to a weekly audience of 175 million. That is not "defunct." Secretary Clinton, as an ex officio member of the BBG, should know better.

In her statement to the House hearing, Secretary Clinton seems to be referring to the work of public diplomacy, which is conducted by offices in her own State Department. International broadcasting has a separate, complementary purpose: to provide the accurate, comprehensive, and reliable news that audience in many countries are not getting from their state-controlled or otherwise deficient domestic media. Such a news service allows to be well-informed about current events, and thus bolstered against the misinformation and disinformation of dictators, terrorist, and other miscreants.

The BBG's detractors will see to it that the BBG is permanently branded with Secretary Clinton's "defunct" and the OIG's also-over-the-top "dysfunctional." This might lead to Congress eliminating the BBG altogether. Then we would go back to a Presidentially-appointed, Senate-approved management of US international broadcasting. In such a scenario, USIB would not be independent and would not be able to

achieve the credibility necessary for success in the modern global media environment.

If the US government injects "counter-narrative" into US international broadcasting, and throws USIB into the "ideological arena," audiences will notice. They will conclude that what they are hearing is not the news service they are seeking. They will tune instead to the BBC. Or maybe to Al Jazeera English.

Meanwhile, at a Senate hearing the next day, Senator Tim Kaine expressed concern to Senator John Kerry, nominee for Secretary of State, about Iranian broadcasting to Latin America. Kaine was referring to Iran's Spanish-language satellite channel Hispan TV. Hispan TV, however, is on virtually no cable systems or mainstream DTH satellite service in Latin America. Even if it were, Hispan TV's programming is so inept (see previous post) that it would not attract much of an audience. Nevertheless, Congress might pressure the BBG to expand VOA broadcasting in Spanish, or, perish the thought, create an entirely new channel. The fact that CNN en Espa0ol is already successful and informing the Hemisphere very well, and at no cost to the US taxpayers, will probably be ignored. The result will be more duplication, the hallmark of US international broadcasting (Kim Andrew Elliott, kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** U S A. AN ARGUMENT AGAINST A CEO

<http://laborweb.afge.org/sites/bbg/l1812/index.cfm?action=article&articleID=901e1839-bcbe-4bb4-a9ec-cad1ef807c7b>

The latest report from the State Department's Office of Inspector General paints an extremely dark and gloomy picture of the part-time Broadcasting Board of Governors by calling it idysfunctional.1

AFGE Local 1812 called the report a iHatchet Job1 because it singles out and impugns the integrity and dedication of Board Member Victor Ashe. He is probably the only member who really cares enough about how this place operates that he reaches out to employees directly. He actually communicates with the unions to find out what we believe are the problems that have lead to the BBG being identified as the iworst place in government to work.1

The Washington Post (Al Kamen and Joe Davidson) ran with the story along with the Daily News in New York, Radio World and BBG Watch among others.

When your Union officers go to Capitol Hill and point out these problems to lawmakers who have the power and authority to do something, we get very similar responses. iYes, we would like to fix the problem, but where do we begin?1

The OIG thinks the solution is to create a full-time CEO who would run the day-to-day operations of the dysfunctional BBG.

AFGE Local 1812 thinks not! In the private sector, a good CEO produces a well-run organization and is responsible to a Board of Directors and can be removed. If the BBG had a CEO to run everything, that person would probably, on paper, be accountable to the Broadcasting Board of Governors. The BBG (a board that, as the Washington Post's Davidson has written, is beyond hope) has seemingly acted as nothing more than a rubber stamp for the senior management officials here and would therefore more than likely give them through the CEO free rein to do as they please without having a Board to prevent some of the most egregious mistakes. In addition the CEO would no doubt end up being one of the senior management officials or someone they prefer. The title also smacks of the desire to privatize the entire operation allowing it to function without any Congressional oversight. We do agree that a part-time Board simply cannot run this organization. Someone needs to have the authority to make final decisions and also needs to be here on a fulltime basis.

What this operation really needs is an Agency Director, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate as well as a change in the law that created this monster: the International Broadcasting Act of 1994. Ostensibly, that law created a fire-wall that was meant to prevent government (particularly the State Department) interference in the mission of the BBG and the Voice of America so that the broadcasts could remain journalistically sound. However, the senior executive staff has used this provision to justify ignoring congressional inquiries. A Director would be accountable to Congress, the overseer of the taxpayer's money, in open hearings where tough questions should be asked and management would be required to answer honestly under oath.

We have seen many letters from the BBG to members of Congress which say, in effect, you are sticking your nose in our business and that's a violation of the separation of powers. We are part of the executive branch and you are part of the legislative branch. The BBG hides behind the law ostensibly because they fear that Congress might interfere with the editorial integrity of the professional staff -- the grunts -- who work tirelessly to produce its world caliber product. What they use as a shield is really an excuse to do as they please and destroy what has been a credible source of information since World War II.

Why shouldn't Congress keep a close watch on this \$725 million conglomeration of organizations (VOA, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty; the Office of Cuba Broadcasting, Radio Free Asia and the Middle East

Broadcasting Network)? Because, we know from listening to a few upper, mid and lower-level managers, the BBG is scared to death of having to admit they are unable to manage effectively.

Change the law and bring U.S. International Broadcasting under the watchful and, we would hope, critical eye of lawmakers. Demand that an Agency Director go before the Senate for confirmation hearings and allow Congress to hold periodic hearings to determine if the Agency Director is doing his/her job by making sure that the Agency entities perform according to their various Charters.

The power of the purse can be a mighty powerful incentive to keep the operations it oversees from running amuck.

One glaring example of a debacle that may have been averted with the proper oversight is the recent situation that occurred at Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty when the now former head of that grantee fired en-masse the Russian staff in Moscow for no journalistically plausible reason. There is speculation that it was done in order to please Russian President Putin. The same type of speculation followed the attempted elimination of the VOA Chinese broadcasts to China immediately after the Chinese premier visited Washington, D.C. Some employees worry that the broadcasts are being used as pawns in some sort of foreign policy political game.

The problems are not with the employees but with the various agendas including those among the senior executive staff who, through budget allocations, have forced the in-fighting among VOA / OCB -the federal entities - and the surrogates.

VOA has 75 percent of the audience of all U.S. International Broadcasting but gets only 25 percent of the total BBG budget. The grantees look at the big, fat pile of money and want more at the expense of VOA. Yet, they don't produce the results.

VOA must report where it spends its money to Congress and must notify Congress when it plans on making changes in programming or operations. The surrogates take the money and run and give little explanation of how they spend it.

It is no wonder lawmakers are so confused. Sen. Tom Coburn (R-OK) has called this place "the most worthless organization in the federal government."

Something is terribly wrong with this picture and we urge Congress, in the strongest possible terms, to gain some control over this dysfunctional organization.

As representatives of nearly 900 employees at VOA, the Greenville, N.C. Relay Station and the Office of Cuba Broadcasting, we think this is the best solution (AFGE Local 1812 via DXLD)

ASHE BELIEVES HE'S THE ONE BLASTED IN REPORT ON BROADCASTING BOARD
By Michael Collins Posted January 24, 2013 at 5:30 a.m.

WASHINGTON ó He isn't mentioned by name, but former Knoxville Mayor Victor Ashe said Wednesday he assumes he is the board member blamed in a new inspector general's report for causing much of the hostile and dysfunctional working environment at the federal government's foreign broadcasting agency. . .
<http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2013/jan/24/ashe-believes-hes-the-one-blasted-in-board/>
(Knoxville News-Sentinel via DXLD)

** U S A. Why a political CEO of a news organization is a bad idea (as if this needs to be explained). Posted: 28 Jan 2013

AFGE Local 1812 (undated but recent): "What this operation [US international broadcasting] really needs is an Agency Director, appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate as well as a change in the law that created this monster: the International Broadcasting Act of 1994. Ostensibly, that law created a fire-wall that was meant to prevent government (particularly the State Department) interference in the mission of the BBG and the Voice of America so that the broadcasts could remain journalistically sound. However, the senior executive staff has used this provision to justify ignoring congressional inquiries. A Director would be accountable to Congress, the overseer of the taxpayer's money, in open hearings where tough questions should be asked and management would be required to answer honestly under oath. We have seen many letters from the BBG to members of Congress which say, in effect, you are sticking your nose in our business and that's a violation of the separation of powers. We are part of the executive branch and you are part of the legislative branch." (kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

I am, by way of disclosure, a dues-paying member in good standing (for now) of AFGE 1812. And what my union writes here is largely nonsense. No executive agency, BBG included, has ever been able to deflect Congressional scrutiny by saying "we are part of the executive branch and you are part of the legislative branch."

The firewall function of the BBG is to keep the administration and Congress from influencing the content of US international broadcasting. In decades past, when VOA directors were appointed by presidents (or by USIA directors who were appointed by presidents), some VOA directors went native and protected the VOA newsroom from

interference. Other VOA directors shifted newsroom management to result in output in line with administration policy. This historical inconsistency of VOA's news product prevented VOA from achieving the reputation and the audience size enjoyed by BBC World Service.

Of the firewall functions of the BBG, none is more important than the depoliticization of the hiring of entity heads. The bipartisan board, and no longer the president, selects these executives.

Let's imagine what could happen with a presidentially nominated, Senate-approved CEO of US international broadcasting. A future president is visited by corporate leaders who supported him/her in the campaign. These leaders make their profit by selling cheap manufactured goods from overseas to American consumers. But now they have a problem. Unions are beginning to form in the countries where the factories are located. Workers are seeking higher wages, better working hours, and, perish the thought, benefits. This will cut into their profits. So they would like the Voice of America to help counter these union activities abroad.

The White House chief-of-staff calls in the CEO of US international broadcasting. VOA should do some stories about how much better things are in the right-to-work states. And about corruption in the leadership of US unions. And that big AFL-CIO rally planned for the Mall? Don't send a camera crew. We don't want to give folks overseas ideas about how to organize.

The CEO of US international broadcasting complies. He/she, after all, *serves at the pleasure of the president*. The CEO passes on these orders to the VOA director, who resists. The CEO says, okay, I'll just turn off your transmitters.

VOA journalists are dismayed that they must abdicate their professional standards, but at least they keep their jobs. The president and Congress are pleased by the content, so funding for USIB keeps coming. Who cares how big the audience is?

The next president and Congress care, and they ask for audience data. The data show that the audience for VOA has plummeted because it has obviously become a mouthpiece of the US government. Funding for USIB is cut, and massive RIFs ensue.

And, so, union brothers and sisters, be careful what you wish for (Kim Andrew Elliott, *ibid.* WORLD OF RADIO 1654,)

** U S A. The last VOA Special English newscasts will be on 25 January. These are usually at the beginning of VOA Special English broadcasts at the bottom of certain hours. Special English features

will continue.

After that, VOA "regular" English newscasts at the top of the hour will slow to a speed faster than Special English, but slower than VOA's top-of-hour newscasts heretofore.

Sorry I can't provide more specifics about schedules and words-per-minute at this point, as I'm out of the loop, but I'll try to add more information later (Kim Andrew Elliott, Jan 23, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

** U S A [non]. 17725, Jan 30 at 1424, VOA Music Mix ID, poor signal but better than usual and not too much ACI from Cuba 17730. HFCC shows this hour is 100 kW, 126 degrees from SvO TOM... (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 26110/FM, KQVR-TV, Sacramento CA studio relay; 1715-1727+, 27-Jan; Coverage of a local Bridal Show; break at 1721+ with off-air talk and local band testing audio..."Shit!". Back from break with local band, Before You Exit, interview. Good with occasional brief dropouts, Still there at 1830 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. [initially] UNIDENTIFIED. 2660, Jan 24 at 1225 UT, another go at the presumed second harmonic of something on 1330: JBA carrier. I proceeded to DX SW and MW and did not get back to 2660 until 1347, and now it's best yet: definite gospel music in English, 1350 announcement, more music, 1356 announcement, but fading into noise level and gave up for today at 1402. Enid sunrise was 1338 UT.

Looking thru the NRC AM Log for GOS or REL formats not too far away: best bet is KGLD Tyler TX, 1000/77/psra 500 watts non-direxional, with address in faraway Baytown. Perhaps someone near Tyler could check this out. Seems a bit late for WVHI in Evansville IN or WLOL in Minneapolis. All the others of those formats are way too far in distant states.

2660+, Jan 25 at 1347 UT, JBA carrier from the harmonic; 1358 a bit o` music makes it thru the noise level. As mentioned yesterday, prime suspect is KGLD in Tyler TX. Need to monitor earlier in the 13-14 UT hour. Again it's slightly on the hi side compared to KMBZ Business Radio 1660.

In case it's KGLD, take note of its official SR/SS times:

Jan 1330-2345;

Feb 1300-2400 UT

Day power is 1 kW, nite power only 77 watts. Also has 500-watt PSRA

every month starting at 6 am local = 1200 UT during ST, 1100 UT during DST.

Also complex PSSA ranging from 36 to 176 watts, as late as 0330 UT in the summer;

in January: 2345-2400 75 watts, 0000-0015 67 watts, 0015-0045 45 watts, 0045-0145 36 watts.

In February: 0000-0030 102 watts, 0030-0100 51 watts, 0100-0200 36 watts. Does any station actually follow these rules to the minute and the watt? All this applies of course to 1330, with powers on 2660 if this is the source, presumably much less. However, if some of the accurate power level is leaking out on an harmonic, the power on the fundamental must be correspondingly reduced.

2660, Jan 26 at 0053, JBA carrier, so circa sunrise should still be better chance for presumed 1330 harmonic, maybe KGLD Tyler TX when it would be on much higher fundamental power of 1 kW from 1330 to 2345 UT, or even PSRA of 500 watts 1200-1330.

2660, Jan 26 at 1330 UT I start monitoring the JBA harmonic with gospel music; little peak at 1337 when I understand a few words by YL singer, ``everything you do``. 1340 UT I check fundamental 1330 kHz, but can't make out such programming in the QRM. Normally dominant here are KNSS Wichita and KCKM Monahans. More little peaks with music at 1352, 1356. 1400 a change in the music but no ID or announcement heard. 1424 still barely audible, no announcements or ads unless during fades.

One of these days, I will fire up computer early and see if I hear the same kind of stuff; Jan 26 I do so at 1538, and altho `listen live` at <http://www.christiannetcast.com/listen/player.asp?station=kgld-am> first proclaims ``no connexion``, then oncomes more of that black gospel music just like I have been hearing on 2660, so that's a very good sign. Also like 2660, there are no ads or other announcements among the music until 1600 UT, music interrupted abruptly for ``KGLD 1330 AM Tyler`` legal ID, and on to a local pastor joined in progress, off-mike in echoey sanxuary. Time to cut the stream.

The Saturday 10-10:30 am block is ``SHILOH HOLINESS CHURCH, PASTOR H. K. VEASEY``. Program schedule at http://www.kgld.org/daily_broadcasts is obviously incomplete, listing only times with gospel-huxters, starting weekdays at 10:45 am (1645 UT), so we may assume at other times they are just filling with the gospel music I have been hearing. Sundays, however, there are also church services at 7-8 am, so I should be able to note the difference then. KGLD website is also black-emphasis. Slogans ``The Light`` and ``East Texas Gospel Giant``.

2660, Jan 27 at 1331 UT, S9+8 carrier but no modulation audible; 1338

maybe some mod after local noise burst; 1342 now at S9+12 I can make out an over-assertive preacher. 1404 gospel music. This is what I expected based on yesterday's research into the KGLD Tyler TX program schedule, preaching instead of music Sundays only before 1400. Distracted by INDIA, just missed monitoring at 1330 when they should have doubled power from 500 to 1000 watts on fundamental 1330.

2660, Jan 28 at 1347 UT, very poor carrier with a bit of gospel music audible, presumed KGLD Tyler TX, 2 x 1330 as per previous research. Checked earlier around 1310, nothing was audible.

2660, Jan 30 at 1352, JBA music, presumably KGLD Tyler TX x 2. In Feb, official sunrise will be at 1300 instead of 1330 UT, so that should be the best chance for a bit better signal on 1330 kHz 1 kW day power. Also Jan 31 at 1239 a JBA carrier when 1330 should be on 500 watt PSRA power (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1653 monitoring: first SW broadcast confirmed on WTWW-1 9479, Thursday Jan 24 starting early about 2159:20. Therefore, the exact hourtop interruption for legal ID occurred further into the intro minute, at second :39 just as I started to say ``Eq--`` uatorial Guinea, and finished just as the theme did.

Then the 0430 UT Friday broadcast on WWRB confirmed at 0452 check Jan 25, very good on both 5050 and 3195. Next: UT Saturday 0230v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB; Saturday 0630 & 1030 on Hamburger Lokalradio, 1 kW in Germany on 7265-CUSB; UT Sunday 0500 on WTWW 5830; on WRMI 9955: Sat 0900, 1600, 1830, Sun 0900, 1630, Mon 0530, Tue 1200; On WRN via SiriusXM 120: Sat 1830.

WORLD OF RADIO 1653 monitoring: confirmed on webcast of Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB starting at 0245 UT Saturday Jan 26 (a sesquihour earlier, I had noted 5110- coming in well during `Allan Weiner Worldwide` which again ran late until 0239).

Next, on HLR Germany, 7265-CUSB, Sat 0630 & 1630; on WRMI 9955, Sat 0900, 1600, 1830, Sun 0900, 1630, Mon 0530, Tue 1200; on WTWW 5830, UT Sun 0500. Also WRN via SiriusXM 120, Sat 1830.

WORLD OF RADIO 1653 monitoring: confirmed UT Sunday Jan 27 at 0459.4 on WTWW-1, 5830. Another early start meant another abrupt interruption for top-of-hour canned ID spanning the last part of my 52-second intro, and the first part of the news to follow. I didn't even get to say ``Standard disclaimer``. Otherwise fine and very good signal. Next: UT Monday 0530, Tuesday 1200 on WRMI 9955.

WORLD OF RADIO 1653 monitoring: 0530 UT Monday Jan 28 on 9955, WRMI ID can be heard under the heavy jamming, and then WOR 1653 opening,

confirmed anyway as on the air. Tnx a lot, Arnie! Next: Tuesday 1200 and Thursday 0430, the latter maybe with new 1654 if ready in time; Wednesday 0630 & 1630 on HLR Germany 7265-CUSB. Wednesday broadcasts appear to be regular now in addition to Saturday, but need confirmation they still include WOR.

WORLD OF RADIO 1654 monitoring: first SW broadcast confirmed on WTWW-1 9479, Thursday Jan 31: must have started at 2159:19, since after I say ``Mexico`` in the intro at :41, cut to top-of-hour WTWW ID, then rejoin as I am already in first item, also skipping ``standard disclaimer``. Repeat: UT Sunday 0500 (or 0459) on 5830.

Also confirmed UT Friday Feb 1 at 0428 on WWRB 3195, with 5050 still off the air this week. I was monitoring webcast at first where fill music, ``Over the Rainbow`` was playing, then Dave ID, and WOR starting early with no problems.

Next: UT Saturday 0230v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v-CUSB. It's become the rule rather than the exception lately for live `Allan Weiner Worldwide` to run several minutes past 0230, so stay tuned. When he renders a prayer to Jesus, you know it's about over.

On WRMI 9955: Sat 0900, 1600, 1830, Sun 0900, 1630, Mon 0530, Tue 1200
On Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB: Sat & Wed 0630 & 1630.

On WRN via SiriusXM 120: Sat 1830
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9955 [non], Jan 24 at 0500 as I am listening to WRMI webcast following final playback of WORLD OF RADIO, surprised to hear Vatican Radio opening --- in Arabic! I asked Jeff White if this is correct, and he says, ``Yes. It's experimental, and will probably be just temporary.`` I see that he has put up a new program grid dated Jan 22, one click away from here:

http://www.wrmi.net/pb/wp_d12a1732/wp_d12a1732.html
including Radio Vaticano (not -a), (language not specified), Tue-Sat 0500-0545, so is it all in Arabic? So much for Israel/WRN at 0530. He later replies it will be ``back to normal`` tonight, whatever that mean.

Scanning the new schedule, we see that there are no more R. Martí relays, with the only major block of exile programming remaining being R. Libertad, UT Tue-Sat at 00-01. Former Martí time 23-24 UT M-F is filled by WRN, except Thu `La Rosa de Tokio` media program.

Something new is ``WRMI Scoreboard`` for one minute, M-F: 1059, 1259, 1459 UT (the last webcast only {no, I guess the sign-off is at 1500}). There are no changes to WORLD OF RADIO times, but beyond that have not analyzed it thoroly (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9905, Jan 25 at 2216, WTTW-2 is off; and AAMOF, think it has been missing all week during the hours previously dedicated to Brother Scare. 12105, WTTW-3 is also off, when usually in French; it had been on earlier today circa 1400 in Russian. BS could still be heard on 9980 WWCR, more than sufficient (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5050, Jan 30 at 0258 check, WWRB is off again, but still on 3195. You never know whether they will be running both transmitters; let's hope so during WORLD OF RADIO Friday at 0430 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9313, Jan 27 at 1316, weak humblob, fades so not local, just barely modulated, not // RHC 9540, a known spurrier but never this far down before; at 1323 fades up enough to match GFRN talk audio with VG 9330 WBCQ, my main suspect which has put spurs out before below 9330. Nothing heard on what would be a match 17 kHz higher, 9347 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WBCQ was heard with inbooming signal on 7490 with "Marion's Attic" playing classic shellac based records on 78's, with mix of band music to vocal music numbers with strong 78 db signal at 2312 [sic] Tunein. Show continued playing vocal music, then instrumental music by various bands til midway to bottom half of the hour at 2330 for station ID by Kristina and two more tunes played followed by mailbag with letter from Phil in VA, USA among other listeners. Had to switch to 2 kHz BW filter on the PL380 to compensate for poor audio copy under some band noise, which was minimal by 232:34 [sic] UT. Program was in English With Marion And Kristina [sic] Great Signal From Monticello tonight. Another great catch for early night propagation. 73's, (Noble West, Clinton, TN, Tecsun PL380 DSP, Antenna: Belden 100 foot coax Dipole Antenna (Experimental use), Jan 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The correct time for this is 2200-2300 UT Sundays (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. 21630, Jan 25 at 1902, WHRI with heavy echo, as one would expect from long path delay vs short path, 24 vs 1 kilomile, altho it seem unlikely at midday here when half the path must be thru the darkside. Maybe there is some other explanation? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WHRI was heard on 5920 parallel to 7315 at 0221 UT carrying "DX'ing With Cumbre" hosted by Marie Lamb from New York, with great signal hovering between 65-75 db at 0221 UT. Excellent reception noted this session. 73's, (Noble West, Clinton TN, Tecsun PL380 DSP with Telescopic Whip Antenna, UT Sunday Jan 27, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 11715, Jan 25 at 1455, KJES, off-key kidchoir with hymns in English, then switching to Spanish for ``En la Sala de Jes's'', a bit of ``Saints Go Marchin' In'', all with guitar accompaniment; 1459.5 rudely interrupted by not one but two kIDs, more music; 1504 adult starts talking about Jesus expiring. VG signal by 1455 and growing. Transmission nominally starts at 1400 but seldom audible then; at 1417 when I was checking VOK 11710, KJES was starting to fade in (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 13570, Jan 27 at 1423, tune by WINB on a Sunday, the only day it is on this early, finding wacko gospel huxter asserting that Jesus was a Baptist, the only true religion, all other sects such as Anglican/Episcopalian, Wesleyan/Methodist being ``harlot daughters''. How'd you like to have your faith called that? Or your daughter?

WINB program schedule is updated Jan 13,
<http://www.winb.com/schedule.htm>
showing this is 'Zion's Rest Baptist Church'. No contact info or website via WINB but Googling leads to a church by that name in Austin TX, and several with 'Primitive' inserted elsewhere in the South.

WINB sign-on times now shown as Sunday 1230, Saturday 1445, M-F 1845 UT, and not an Overcomer anywhere. Quickly retuned 4 MHz down and 10 kHz up for some reasonable religion on Radio AUSTRALIA, q.v. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Tuned on to WRNO Worldwide at 0240-0245 on 7505 (maybe 7506 kHz). Modulation was terrible. You could not hear any audio that was appreciable. I am wondering why they are wasting the bandwidth with an unintelligible signal. It doesn't pay to turn the transmitter on without the audio part of the signal (Richard Lewis, Kaito KA-1103, Homemade Broomstick Antenna, UT Jan 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Modulation had been OK for a while. Probably they are not listening to their own signal back in Fort Worth (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 6970, WWCN Nashville TN; 2221, 30-Jan; Spanish & English mixing product between 6875 & 13845. SI0=322 in AM with strong buzz QRM & SI0=342+ in USB. 6875 in Spanish with S30 sig + studio bleed; 13845 with Rev. Barbi, SI0=443 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 15610, WEWN Vandiver AL; 2131-2200+, 27-Jan; English feature about the Nat'l Basketball Association; 2158 EWTN spots to WEWN ID at

ToH continuing with an "encore presentation -- no calls at this time please." S30 sig, putting out hissy spurs +/- 15 kHz on 15625 & 15595; 15625 poor but more copyable than 15595 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I've always found these spurs from WEWN English frequencies to peak at plus and minus 9 and 18 and sometimes 27 kHz (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. KBRT(AM) STATUS REPORT --- As KBRT, 740 kHz, Avalon, prepares to sign off from Catalina Island and shift transmissions to its new site in "America" (as the natives call the mainland), Scott Fybush recounts the rich history and present status of the island transmitter site.

KBRT will tentatively switch its broadcast operations to its new site in mid-February, date to be announced. The owner of Crawford Broadcasting will be out here to push the button himself.
<http://tinyurl.com/ScottCoversKBRT>
(CGC Communicator Jan 28 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. 930, Jan 24 at 1328 UT, 'Morning in America', i.e. the far right wacko Bill Bennett show. His website is no help in locating affiliates: you have to enter a zip code and then keep getting blank pages, even by putting in 78216, the studio address for suspect KLUP in San Antonio. Broader Google search on program name and 930 does bring up KLUP among others, so retry MIA site search on default San Antonio zip 78201, and that finally produces listing for KLUP, as heard several times before in WKY null (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1010, Jan 24 at 1259, as I intune just before 1300 UT, legal ID in English as ``KXXT, Tolleson-Phoenix``. See previous discussion of their ``15000/250`` watt powers, and this is still more than an hour before sunrise (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1030, Jan 27 at 1258 UT, outro of Spanish religious show with <http://hermandadcrisiana.org> from Anderson, Indiana, strong signal from N/S, SAH, 1259 switching to English with preacher about David & Jeremiah, apparently a promo, but no ID. However this cut off at 1300 or faded out very quickly.

Contact info at above website has no postal addresses or locations, but gringo officials with AC 765- phonumbers, i.e. east-central Indiana. No affiliate list there nor at linked <http://www.oneplace.com/ministries/la-hermandad-cristiana/> but the latter does give a postal address in Anderson IN, altho the Spanish version is produced in California and Texas.

At 1302, 'Day of Decision' is opening. I assume it's 50 kW daytimer KCTA Corpus Christi TX. Yes, both programs match the schedule at <http://www.kctaradio.com/services.html> which we need to keep handy for this station which doesn't like to ID, and doesn't act like a strict daytimer.

Shows first program on weekdays is at 5:30 am CT, weekends 6:00 am. Final program listed on weekdays is 'Southwest Radio Church' starting at 8:00 pm! On Sundays, last program is 'In Touch Weekend' starting at 7:00 pm for unknown duration. On Saturdays has Spanish programming from noon until sign-off at unspecified sunset. You'll recall a few months ago, we were getting a dirty carrier all night on 1030.

FAQ page has this: ``Q. Why can't I hear KCTA at night?
A. KCTA is licensed by the FCC to be operated from Boston, Massachusetts sunrise (that is so we won't interfere with them) to Corpus Christi, Texas sunset.``

FCC info for KCTA has nothing obvious about WBZ sunrise, but for KCTA SR/SS:

January 7:15 6:00 [1315-2400 UT]

February 7:15 6:15 [1315-2415 UT]

So what are the sunrise times for WBZ?

January 7:15 [1215 UT]

February 6:45 [1145 UT]

However, an imported letter from 1980

http://licensing.fcc.gov/cgi-bin/prod/cdbb/forms/prod/getimportletter_exh.cgi?import_letter_id=36851

really reproduces CP and license info dating back to the year 1945 mentioning Boston sunrise! They kept getting SSAs (special service authorizations) renewed periodically to start at Boston sunrise. BTW, this was originally KWBU, Baylor University on 1010. The deal with WBZ came when switching to 1030 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1030, amid KCTA log from N/S, I am getting ABC News from E/W January 27 at 1300 UT, and ID at 1305 as KFAY, i.e. Farmington AR, but implying Fayetteville. During the news there is also an echo from another ABC affiliate, presumably KBUF in Holcomb KS (Garden City), which is not only close but the only other 1030 ABC listed in NRC AM Log (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Word is that KAAV will return soon with another 5 kW on auxiliary power so I'm "fishin' while they're bitin'" [for MEXICO]. <http://mighty1090kaav.blogspot.com/2013/01/kaav-to-soon-return-to-air.html> (Fritze H. Prentice, Jr, KC5KBV, Star City AR EM43aw,

twitter.com/fritzehp Jan 30, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

** U S A. NEW STATION CP NEWS: 1120, WKAJ, NY, St. Johnsville ñ In a lengthy written decision, the FCC revokes its earlier cancellation of this CP, reinstates the call letters, and accepts an application for a license to cover. The licensee completed construction of the station about a month after the CP expired at the end of 2011, but didn't ask for an extension of the CP, and didn't really explain the full extenuating circumstances the first time it appealed the CP's cancellation.

While the FCC wants permittees to know it will be hard-line when it comes to enforcing CP deadlines, the extenuating circumstances here were fairly extreme (flooding of biblical proportions, contractors who were supposed to erect towers were too busy saving the population from said flooding, etc.) so the FCC reluctantly relented. Since everything is built, the station could be on testing soon. U4 10000/400 (David Yocis, AM Switch, NRC DX News Jan 28 via DXLD)

** U S A. 1510, Jan 25 at 1443 UT, Moneyradio1510.com, 480 AC phone and Arizona ads, i.e. KFNN Mesa. So is it 22 kW day power or 100 watt night power? No quibble here, as FCC official sunrise in January is 1430 UT; February 1415. They also have a 4-watt PSRA in both months, i.e. from 1300 UT, but why go with that when they can already run 100 watt night-power? Limiting station is supposedly KGA Spokane. I think the entire FCC pre-sunrise authority concept is somewhat flawed (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1640, WPNX700, PA Turnpike HAR system audible from Exit 10 when I first saw a sign well past exit 100, absent a while in the mountains, and then back again near Philly. The whole system used the same call, but it was obvious that this is a series of very low power transmitters, however, they were very well synced as there was no obvious gap or stuttering. The tape loop was constant throughout, but different near Philly than in the Western part of the state. Heard at Exit 10 at 1922 and Mile 55 at 2023 (& others) 17/Jan (Kenneth Vito Zichi, PA, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

** U S A. 1650, Jan 31 at 0616, M&W in Spanish discussion, accents sufficiently Mexican, mentions a price as 40 centavos, so with rough bearing N/S, I'm hoping it's XEAZR at last, tho I don't think their format is talk. It's been DXed from Europe to New Zealand, but hardly any from USA, least of all OK. Dashed at 0618 when they mention ``los niños de Colorado``, so just KBJD Denver, Radio Luz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. The FCC grants STAs [special temporary authorities] for up to six months. In an emergency, a station can operate with reduced

power or, if normally licensed with a directional pattern, to operate non-directionally at one-fourth licensed power (unless someone complains of interference). But the station needs to notify the FCC right away and obtain an STA if the situation will last for any length of time.

The FCC doesn't keep track of whether STAs actually get used -- for example, KALI-900 sought its STA in advance of expecting to lose its lease soon, but if anything changes with the lease and KALI doesn't start using the STA right away, you'll never be able to tell from the FCC web site. If a station needs to extend an STA beyond six months, it can get six-month extensions, which are supposed to be progressively harder to get, if it can justify the actions it's been taking to get back to licensed operation. Usually the FCC grants original STAs within one or two business days; STA extension requests are usually filed a few days before the 6-month expiration, and the FCC grants them within 6-8 weeks.

If the extension request gets dismissed, it's usually because the station is back to regular operations already and doesn't need it any more. If no extension is filed after 6 months, it can generally be assumed that the station is back to regular operations -- but more often than you'd think it means that the station is so accustomed to STA operations that it forgot to file the extension request (David Yocis, AM Switch, NRC DX News Feb 4 via DXLD)

** U S A. WBEZ, the Chicago public radio station, is hoping that Chicagoans will help create a new generation of listeners. In a new ad campaign that begins on Friday, the station encourages residents of the city to, well, hook up with other Chicagoans and procreate. As Tanzina Vega reports, a tag line on one ad sums up the new campaign, called i2032 Membership Drive, succinctly: iWe Want Listeners Tomorrow. Go Make Babies Today. Other ads read: iDo It. For Chicago. and iInteresting People Make Interesting People. Daniel Ash, the vice president for corporate sponsorship, marketing, membership and partnerships at Chicago Public Media, which owns the station, said the campaign was meant to playfully encourage listeners in their 20s and 30s to imake babies so that by 2032, the station will have a slew of teenage listeners. iWe wanted to break the mold and take some risks, Mr. Ash said.

Excerpted from this NY Times column:

<http://mediadecoder.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/01/28/the-breakfast-meeting-courting-future-cable-subscribers-a-newspaper-reality-show-and-a-saucy-ad-campaign/?src=recg>

(via Bill Patalon, MD, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

Original is really here:

<http://mediadecoder.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/01/27/make-babies-urges-saucy-public-radio-campaign/?ref=media>
(via Mike Cooper, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

** U S A. Cumulus May Buy CBS Radio === by Erik Sass, Jan 22, 2013,
5:19 PM MediaDailyNews > Wednesday, Jan 23, 2013

CBS Corp. may follow up the planned divestiture of its overseas billboard business by selling CBS Radio. Cumulus Media is a likely bidder for the company's broadcast radio assets, according to a report in the New York Post.

With around 525 radio stations across the U.S., Cumulus is already the second-largest broadcast radio group in the country after Clear Channel Media and Entertainment (formerly Clear Channel Radio), which owns around 850.

If Cumulus acquired all 127 of CBS Radio's stations, it would still be about three-quarters the size of Clear Channel in terms of sheer numbers, but it would control a big slice of the radio audience and might outweigh Clear Channel in a number of top markets.

CBS is denying the rumor, with a spokesperson quoted as saying: "We just bought a major station in New York and launched the CBS Radio Network. We are not selling CBS Radio."

Still, the NYP reports that the planned sale, which could take place in the next 12-24 months, is part of a broader strategic restructuring of CBS Corp. by President and CEO Les Moonves, who wants to shed less profitable properties to focus on higher-growth businesses.

Last week, CBS revealed plans to spin off its U.S. outdoor advertising business and sell its outdoor properties in Europe and Asia, including thousands of billboards, as well as a variety of smaller signage. According to the company, its European businesses include assets that represent around 50% of the overall outdoor market in the Netherlands, 23% of the outdoor market in the U.K., and 15% of the outdoor market in Italy, as well as 32% of the large-format roadside signage in France. Read more:
<http://www.mediapost.com/publications/article/191652/cumulus-may-buy-cbs-radio.html#ixzz2JQVRLvlj>
(via George Thurman, TX, DXLD)

** VIETNAM. [Re 13-04, 7216.473].. and the Vietnamese station in question was of course the foreign service transmitter on 7220 kHz drifting down, not home service from 7210 kHz. 73, (Mauno Ritola, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also ANGOLA

** VIETNAM. 9839.86, VOV. January 27, 1973. Hard to believe it is the 40th anniversary of the signing of the Paris Peace Accord! In English with a detailed history and commentary about the Paris Accord; many sound bites in French from journalists who covered the story back then; 1135 to 1147; good with very strong signal; // 12019.2 (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. 7906-USB, Jan 27 at 1306, checking for Ho Chi Minh Radio, coastal station, which Ron Howard recently reminded us about with English notices: very weak SSB talk here but sounds like Vietnamese to me. At 1310 a series of rapid beeps, marking end of transmission? If not QRM. Nothing heard on // 8246-USB (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, You are correct! These coastal stations begin and end with unique beeps/tones, per attached example which should also help others with the identification. Sign off time varies (Ron Howard, San Francisco __._,_.___ Attachment(s) from Ron Howard, 1 of 1 File(s) Ho Chi Minh Radio - Vietnam Coast Radio Station, 7906 USB kHz, 1316, Jan 14, 2013.mp3 (dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

** VIETNAM [non]. 15310, Jan 30 before and after 1430, Vietnamese talk on fair signal. Aoki and HFCC show it's RFA, 250 kW, 267 degrees from TINIAN. No jamming detectable (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM [and non]. TAIWAN. 11605, 0023 18/01, TAIWAN, RFA, Tanshui, Vietnamese + siren jamming.
11965, 0030 18/01, MRA, RFA, Tinian, Vietnamese + siren jamming
(Fl.vio PY2ZX Arch,ngelo, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. ZNBC1, 5915 Lusaka. Jan 24, 2013. Thursday. 1835-1840. Nyanja. OM and YLs in a discussion programme. Fair. ZNBC2, 6165 Lusaka. Jan 24, 2013. Thursday. 1835-1840. Still AWOL. Jo'burg sunset 1703 (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZANZIBAR. 11735, 1953 18/01, R. Zanzibar, characteristic local mx, S6 (Fl.vio PY2ZX Arch,ngelo, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE. On Thursday Jan 24, YL talking on 4828, with an id at 1815 "Voice of Zimbabwe", repeated at 1817 then talking about music. At 1819, OM talking about floods in Mozambique, then discussing Nelson Mandela's stay in hospital, at 1821 talking about Tanzania and the East African Community. Fair-poor, almost unreadable at times. Jo'burg sunset 1703 (Bill Bingham, RSA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. 15775, Fri Jan 25 at 1900, VOA is signing off with

Yankee Doodle Dandy routine to 1901, carrier a bit longer, fair signal. What had I just missed? VOA Studio 7, last part in Shona, also in Ndebele and English. HFCC shows M-F 1800-1900, 100 kW, 124 degree antenna with a +24 slew from SAO TOME, extending the daily 1700-1800 broadcast which is on a different 126 degree antenna at a -12 slew (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 747, Jan 24 at 1325 UT, JBA TP carrier detected here on a quick check, soon gone, no time for a complete MW 9 kHz scan; typically NHK Japan (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 960, Jan 25 at 0602-0605 UT in KGWA Fox-hole, dominant signal is playing low-key big-band music, maybe WABG Mississippi. If only they would ever ID during this window.

960, Jan 26 during the 0600-0605 UT Fox-hole of local KGWA with unmodulation: at first echoey ABC news like KMA/KNEB; then 0603-0605, poetic recitation in Spanish with musical background. Don't think it was 'Soy Soldado', super-patriotic spiel which some Mexican stations add to war-mongering national anthem at midnight (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Heard an UNid 1090 kHz Spanish station at 7:39-7:40am CST (1339-1340 UT) while sitting in my driveway via the pickup truck radio (engine was not on). IBOC from KRLD 1080 Dallas had faded down enough to hear. Very weak. Video of the aircheck at my YouTube page and also linked via my FB DX Page (Southeast Arkansas DX And Media Report)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCfZjFe4pvk>

(Fritze H. Prentice, Jr, KC5KBV, Star City AR EM43aw, twitter.com/fritzehp, Jan 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Fritze, I listened to it several times, but can't make anything of it. As have been reporting, the dominant one around here is XEAU, Milenio in Monterrey, playing music in English, announcements in Spanish. But they could also have a morning news block (Glenn to Fritze, via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1710 --- One, the stronger, was Spanish religion with music; the other seemed to be English but was rarely audible.

The Spanish station was on 1710.030 kHz and I heard a mention of "1710" but no station name. The mention of 1710 was after a programme promotion exactly at the top of the hour, 0700.

Propagation favoured the central eastern states; there was little to hear from Latin America. It might have been Puerto Rico at a stretch but is more likely to have come from the mainland USA.

Did anyone else notice it or have ideas about who it might be? I'm aware there are some unlicensed broadcasters and LPAM Part 15 stations on 1710. 73 (Andrew Brade, UK, Jan 26, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

Around 0700 UT very weak talking on 1710.03, but far too weak to understand (Max Van Arnhem, Netherlands, Jan 26, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 2240-, Jan 31 at 1220 UT, Spanish talk and music, maybe mentioning 1170, but that doesn't work as a fundamental. Might have been 560 = x4, the only other possibility being 1120. Anyhow with this format at this time and on an even harmonic, it can't be WCKL 560. 1224 the music is really hyper; 1229 weakening; 1232 maybe gospel harmony in the music; fading to JBA at 1237, and JBA carrier with traces of music at 1246.

Meanwhile checked XEVT Tabasco on 2910: at 1222 in Spanish it's actually weaker than 2240, and has also faded to JBA by 1240. So I suspect 2240 is also from eastern Mexico or maybe Central America. Another harmonic to chase! (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. No identificada en 3360 kHz --- Algo que no pude identificar en 3360 kHz a eso de las 0035 UT.

<http://youtu.be/cYEHyIiE-Bg>

Tengo mis sospechas que sea La Voz del Upano, de Macas, Ecuador, pero también puede ser Radio JPJ de Lima, Perú. O hasta quizás la de Guatemala que está en esa misma frecuencia. ¿Qué se sabe de estas emisoras? ¿Están activas? 73 desde Montevideo (Rodolfo Tizzi, Uruguay, Jan 28, condiglista yg via DXLD)

Hasta donde yo sé las tres están inactivas en la frecuencia. A la que creo con más posibilidades de volver al aire es a la peruana Radio JPJ. La Voz del Upano hace rato que está fuera de la OC y no recuerdo cuál es la guatemalteca que estaba en la frecuencia (Chortís?, La Voz de Nahual?) Pero también estaría fuera del Éter. Enviado desde mi BlackBerry de Personal (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4895, Jan 26 at 0048, music mixing with CODAR. Choices are Mongolia, India and Brasil. Not on 4896 where AIR Kurseong has recently jumped. At 0115 I find a LAH, i.e. two stations on almost but not quite 4895, along with CODAR swishes (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Amigos, aqui v,,o as escutas em ondas tropicais realizadas recentemente no Balneário Barra do Saí em Itapoá/SC. L. É Ótimo para se ouvir a faixa de OT. Receptores: Degen DE1103 e Tecsun PL310. Antenas: RGP3SW + Amplificador Indutivo de RF DXCB-V1 e telescópica.

4970, 14/01 0045 ?? Unid (RTM - MLA??), mx w/ tambores parecida com "pera de Pequim 44333 RFP 73! (Rubens Ferraz Pedroso (PY5-007 SWL). Bandeirantes - PR, Jan 28, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Do you mean Firedrake? Malaysia keeps registering frequencies which have been off the air for ages, including 4970, in HFCC B-12, so possibly intends to revive them: ``4970 2100 1800 54NE TUA 10 0 0 751 1234567 281012 310313 D 4970 Mly MLA RTM RTM 3307``. OTOH, not in HFCC but in Aoki the only 4970 is AIR Shillong starting at 0025 (gh, ibid.)

Thank you very much for the help, Glenn. Good luck my friend (Rubens Ferraz Pedroso (PY5-007 SWL), Bandeirantes - Paran. - Brazil, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. 5825, Jan 26 at 1429 open carrier, at the top edge of an OTH radar range. Only broadcast listed in Aoki is 15-16 RFA Tibetan via Tajikistan, so if not a ute, maybe either that or a ChiCom jammer warmin' up, a-rarin' to go. HFCC also has Vatican via Tashkent at 13-14 on 5825 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6920, 26/Jan 1916, Number station with voice female in English. At 1918 quick signal transmission type RTTY and YL back talk. Good signal in AM, in remote radio from Twente, Netherlands (Jorge Freitas, Brazil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Two UNID signals noted at 0040-0048 UT Jan 31: 9070 S=5, 9255 siren signal observed, like Russian buzzer 4625 kHz. (Wolfgang B, schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED [and non]. 9595.36, Jan 30 at 1412, R. Nikkei with soul music in English, and het on the hi side making pitch between F4 and F#4 on my keyboard. What could this be? Seems propagated, not local. Nothing else scheduled on 9595; recheck 1459 just before Nikkei goes off, no more het. And Ethiopia was still hetting 9565 today, not 9560 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Saw your Radio Nikkei log from 1/30/13. I heard them on 9595 the day before (1/29/13) at 1438 with jazz music followed at 1440 by a female and then a male presenter in Japanese followed at 1442 another jazz song. I did not hear a het. I didn't measure the frequency, I just tuned in to 9595 to listen. Hope that this helps (Steve Handler, IL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Hi, Glenn, I have been noticing, since RNA's meltdown a while back, spurs all up & down 25 meters. Using the websdr in Twente, NL I can see them from 10280, 10407, 11533...and so on up as high as 12691. They seem to be about 127 kHz apart. My math on spurs & mixing

products and the like is a little fuzzy & I don't see an obvious connection between these and the 11780 incident earlier this month, other than the fact that they weren't there before 11780 went nuts. I just thought I would point them out. "I'm just sayin'" (Dave Hughes, KCMO, 2311 UT Jan 28, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dave, What times are you hearing these? Some of the in-between ones would be 11660, 11787, 12041, 12168. Jorge Freitas sent some screen captures at 2350 UT around these frequencies on the SDR in Holland, showing nothing in particular, nor could I hear any of them (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

As to when the 25 meter band spurs are there I have tried checking at various times: 1300, 1500, 1800 and around 0100 to 0300 UT. They seem to always be there. I will try to do a more methodical logging of the times over the next couple of days. The amateurs in Holland are sure that it isn't a product of their receiver. I notice that Jorge Freitas is on the Twente receiver a lot I'll check with him also. I have a fairly noisy QTH so I don't trust my receivers; also I don't have any kind of spectrum display at home (Dave Hughes, KCMO, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

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ACKNOWLEDGED ON WORLD OF RADIO 1654:

Thanks to Henning Vahlbruch in Germany for a contribution in Euro via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com (gh)

Also may contribute by check or MO in the mail in US funds to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702. We are now caught up with acknowledging recent donors. Hope to have a new name by next week (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Hi Glenn, I'm in Ireland but I know a little Spanish. When I saw this in your post "Then a prayer rendering gracias to some se0or", I thought I should comment. El Se0or (capitalised) means The Lord as in Jesus so that phrase was probably gracias al Se0or, Thanks be to the Lord. Maybe this will be of some small help with some DX catch in the future.

Many thanks for all your hard work. I have the SRF59 as well, pretty amazing for what it looks like. I also have a FRG7 packed away somewhere. I'm intrigued that you use those and the DX398 but I suppose it adds to the challenge, Best wishes from Ireland (Paddy Fitzpatrick, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## LANGUAGE LESSONS

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Hi Glenn: In many of your reports I see a reference to "JBA carrier" What is that? Thank You very much (Robert LaFore, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Robert: Allow me if GH doesn't mind; JBA means Just Barely Audible carrier. Meaning if you can barely detect audio, you can almost hear it on your receiver. This happens all too often on High Frequency Shortwave these days. It is to be noted that weak signals from Asia, and Africa usually transmit very low audio carrier plus modulation at times. 73's, (Noble West, NSW Music And Media, TN, via DXLD (NOTICE: This Is NOT a Pointless Posating!))

Not exactly. If a carrier is JBA it is so weak that there is not even any modulation audible; it can be detected present with BFO on. A stronger carrier may or may not have sufficient modulation. Even a strong carrier can be JBM = just barely modulated. The strength of the carrier and the modulation level are two entirely separate factors.

The term JBA was coined by Bob Thomas in Bridgeport CT who used to report to me only by postcard, but haven't heard from him for several years. Bob probably did not mean it that strictly, i.e. a frequency which could be heard weakly including some modulation, JBA without specifying carrier (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

World Band Radio?

Is it my imagination, or has the phrase "world band radio" fallen almost totally out of use? (Harold Sellers, A Shortwave Listener! LOL, Jan 27, ODXA yg via DXLD)

It was originally a slogan of Sony when it was making shortwave radios. Larry Magne adopted it when he launched Passport. Some of us never liked the phrase - for example you never heard it on Media Network. But Passport has gone, Sony no longer produces shortwave radios, so the phrase doesn't appear in any advertising copy now. (Andy Sennitt, ibid.)

You never heard it on WORLD OF RADIO either, as I did not like it (gh, DXLD)

There was (and is) a stigma with us SWLs - the outside world hears "shortwave" and immediately thinks "amateur" or "ham". So we're always explaining, "no, we just listen; we don't (necessarily) transmit..." So the term did have some benefit, but you guys are right, you just don't hear it nearly as often nowadays. RC (Richard

Cuff, ibid.)

Just wondering but has anybody ever written about the rise and fall of World Band, err, I mean shortwave radio listening in Japan and the associated decline in production of SW radios from the likes of Sony, Panasonic, etc. ???? (Bill Leal, ibid.)

#### PUBLICATIONS

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#### WRTH UPDATES UPDATES

There is already a version 2 of the first WRTH 2013 update, so time for another look at it. The latest changes are in blue, which may be a bit hard to distinguish from the gray type of everything else, except red which were new entries as of version 1  
[http://www.wrth.com/files/WRTH2013IntRadioSuppl1\\_B12SchedulesUpdate.pdf](http://www.wrth.com/files/WRTH2013IntRadioSuppl1_B12SchedulesUpdate.pdf)

An update to the National Radio section is also now available as of January 25: Both may be accessed via  
[http://www.wrth.com/updates\\_new.asp](http://www.wrth.com/updates_new.asp)  
(Glenn Hauser, Jan 26, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Wonder, that the wrong ORF Moosbrunn QRG still appears on supplement-  
#2? Was real 17630 instead of 17360 kHz:  
17630 0900-0935 58-60 MOS 100 255 -10 218 Mon-Sat Deu AUT ORF ORS  
73 wb (Wolfgang B, schel, ibid.)

#### CARIBBEAN CENTRAL AMERICA LIST?

Anyone have a web site for AM and or FM stations in the Caribbean and or Central America? 73 Best of DX (Shawn Axelrod, VE4DX1SMA, VEPC4SWL, Winnipeg MB, Jan 25, NRC-AM via DXLD)

One thing I found on a Google search is the "Latin American Network Information Center" page:  
<http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/region/radio/>

Also, there's Radio Station World:  
[http://radiostationworld.com/stations\\_on\\_the\\_web/caribbean.asp](http://radiostationworld.com/stations_on_the_web/caribbean.asp)

There's the list on the Topaz Designs website, but it doesn't look to be very up-to-date:  
<http://topazdesigns.com/ambc/amdx-ca.html>

The links on the old Corazûn DX website are WAY out of date, so I won't even bother with the URL!

Checking Don Moore's website <http://www.pateplumaradio.com/> I found a link for a site called "Zona Latina" <http://www.zonalatina.com/Radio.htm> which has links to individual stations' and networks' websites, which might be of some use. (Don's site hasn't been updated since about 2008...)

Beyond those, well, as the preacher says in "Blazing Saddles", "Son... you're on your own!" Most of the links on Google take you to sites that provide links to live streams of Latin American stations, but little or no real info. I feel your pain, Shawn - I wish there was more info available too! (Randy Stewart, Arts Producer, KSMU, 901 S. National, Springfield MO 65897, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Add this to the rest:  
[http://www.mwlist.org/mwlist\\_quick\\_and\\_easy.php?area=3](http://www.mwlist.org/mwlist_quick_and_easy.php?area=3)  
(Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, *ibid.*)

WHERE IN THE WORLD? OR MAPS ONLINE!

Mrs. Linda Gollick is a Geography teacher at the high school where I taught. In her classroom you could find books which include a Canadian Atlas, a World Atlas, and other hardcover entities which contain maps for various places. She also has two pull-down maps at the front of her classroom, and every year she photocopies blank Canadian maps for her Grade 9's so they can find lakes, land formations, capitals, major cities, provinces/territories and the like. Linda's maps are information personified!

Whereas Canada and the USA have been pretty stable since the formation of Nunavut, it must be getting harder and harder to keep hard-copy maps of some other parts of the world as the face, politics and country-alignment of the planet frequently changes. So to with radio enthusiasts who are trying to find where in the world is Tinian, Mahe, Colombo, Montsinery, Consul, Vado, Cypress Creek, Vulcan. The Internet is the new, fairly-updated place to find maps of Continents, Countries, States/Provinces, and even townships and counties. This month's classroom deals with websites where you can find, download and utilize maps of all shapes, sizes and types.

Map of the World: <http://www.mapsofworld.com>

The home page of this fantastic site is a rectangular map of the world. You can click on any country to see its particular map, and below the main map is a plethora of information-ridden atlases. Maps include US zip codes, major world cities, world thematic maps (oceans, minerals, deserts, rivers, etc.), rail lines, physical maps and more. Each map may be e-mailed, printed and/or downloaded. Each country map also contains interesting facts about that particular land.



Game Design: <http://www.gamedesign.jp/flash/worldmap/worldmap.html>

I had to add this one into the mix. This is a "quiz" map that starts in black and white. When you press start, the program asks you to click on the country asked for on the world map. When I tried it, the first country I was asked to find was the "Hellenic Republic"... had to think about that one for a moment. Then came Tajikistan, Mongolia, Zimbabwe, Haiti.... you get the idea!

National Resources Canada:

<http://atlas.nrcan.gc.ca/auth/english/maps/reference>

This webpage contains all kinds of maps for Canada and its provinces and territories. Everything you want to know about Canada is included in a map, including peoples and population, climate, topological, provincial/territorial and economic and history maps. There is also a section you can click on called "Wall Maps", which are maps that are produced by the Atlas of Canada and their prices.

Counties of Ontario: <http://www.ontarioguide.com/counties>

This webpage is part of the official "Ontario Guide", and it shows a small map with the 49 counties of Ontario. You can click on a particular county to find out information such as county seat, major towns and cities, and other important facts. This guide map is great for hams who are operating the Ontario QSO Party. I am fairly certain that each province, territory and USA state has a similar Internet map site for their region.

Ham Atlas: <http://www.hamatlas.eu>

First click on English (unless your first language is Polish) and you are brought into a wonderful world containing maps of countries, continents and regions which are full of ham radio information, such as main prefix for amateur callsigns, prefixes for sub-regions of a country, time, CQ and ITU zones and much, much more. This site is the result of four years of work of Dariusz Milka, SP6NKKV of Lubin, Poland.

DX Atlas: <http://www.dxatlas.com>

Now in version 2.3, the DX Atlas has been created by Alex Shovkoplyas, VE3NEA. One of the products of Afreet Software, the DX Atlas contains azimuthal/rectangular/global maps complete with grid squares, prefixes, gray lines projection, time zones, and can be used in conjunction with other ham radio software. This shareware also contains relief, ionosphere and informational maps, and is free to try

for 30 days when downloaded, and \$29.95 USD to register.

USA District Map: <http://ac6v.com/images/USAMAP3.jpg>

This is one of the many reference guide maps found at the ac6v website. This particular map outlines the ten districts and the corresponding CQ zones in all 50 states, and is in jpeg format.

Country Maps: <http://www.qsl.net/sp8da/maps.html>

One of the many pages of qsl.net from QTH.COM, each country map is a colourful rendition of call letter prefixes of every region within that country. All you have to do is click on one of the maps to obtain the pertinent information.

Shortwave.Info: <http://www.short-wave.info>

The Shortwave.info site is one of the primary sources I use for finding out what SW stations are on a particular frequency at a given time -- and obtaining information on where the broadcast is originating. As part of the page, there is a map which shows which frequencies are currently being used from that area +/- 10 kHz from the entered frequency. For example, when I check 6000 kHz at 0300 UTC, I find that Radio Habana Cuba is on 6000, but there are also some on 6010, 6005 and 5995 kHz. Each transmission is listed in frequency order, giving the transmitter site, and is shown on the map.

[NOTE: The above relies on Aoki database, not necessarily the latest!]

Please know there are many, many more maps available on the Internet! The amount of information present is astounding, considering I still have my 6.5 kg (and still useful) 1992 Encyclopaedia Britannica World Atlas readily available.

Did you look up any of the cities/towns I mentioned back at the beginning of this column? Just to let you know, Vulcan is both a town in Alberta and a planet (in the Star Trek universe) approximately 16 light years from our Earth. And yes, Mr. Spock calls both of them "home". Until next month... 73, keep smiling and keep listening, (J O E Robinson, BEGINNER'S CLASSROOM FOR FEBRUARY 2013, Ontario DX Association via DXLD)

The return of Broadcasting Yearbook? The new title will be:

"THE COMPLETE TELEVISION, RADIO & CABLE INDUSTRY DIRECTORY"

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2012/6/prweb9589344.htm>

Grey House Publishing Acquires Broadcasting & Cable Directory & Database AMENIA, NY (PRWEB) June 08, 2012

Grey House Publishing announces the purchase by Grey House of the directory and database of the Broadcasting & Cable Industry, formerly published by Bowker, an affiliated business of ProQuest.

In print for more than seven decades as Broadcasting Yearbook and more recently, Broadcasting & Cable Yearbook, this directory has been the go-to source for station data and industry contacts in the US and Canadian broadcasting marketplace.

``A major institution in the broadcast biz, The Broadcasting & Cable Yearbook, formerly the Broadcasting Yearbook, was a dog-eared fixture on many broadcasters' desks since probably before WWII,`` said Radio & Television Business Report.

``Grey House is proud to bring this long-standing directory back to the market place. We're planning a thorough editorial update, the addition of more key personnel, new sections of data and a new name 'The Broadcasting & Cable Industry Annual'`` said Richard Gottlieb, President of Grey House. ``Not only will we add new content, we will also offer a new Online Database platform as well as new Mailing List options available for subscription.``

Grey House's Broadcasting & Cable Industry Annual will offer immediate access to up-to-date data on over 20,000 stations and organizations in the field: Broadcast Television, Cable, Radio, Programming, Technology, Professional Services, Associations, Government and an annual Industry Overview. The directory is the most detailed, comprehensive and current broadcasting reference source available.

Grey House also announces that Joe Esser, an Editor of Broadcasting & Cable Yearbook for over 30 years is working with the Grey House editorial staff, spearheading the effort to update and enhance Grey House's first edition. ``Esser's years of experience in this industry will ensure that our first edition continues the long tradition of this directory as its industry standard,`` said Gottlieb.

The first Grey House edition of the Broadcasting & Cable Industry Annual will be available in October 2012.

Grey House Publishing produces and publishes reference works and information products for business, general reference, health, education, statistics and demographics. It publishes leading information products covering the Performing Arts, Food & Beverage, Venture Capital, and Sports industries, as well as four databases in the Health field. Its most recent business information acquisitions

included the ProQuest/Micromedia Directories in Canada, Hudson's Washington News Media Contacts Directory and the New York State Directory. All Grey House publications are available in print and most are also available via subscription online along with customized mailing lists and downloadable databases (via Blaine Thompson, Jan 29, 2013, ABDX via DXLD)

#### DX-PEDITIONS

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REPORT FROM THE 2013 CMMC DXPEDITION is online at  
<http://www.bamlog.com/cmmc2013.htm>  
-- (Bruce Conti, NH, MWDX YG via DXLD)

Bruce Conti has posted the report from the 19 JAN 2013 DXpedition at the Chatham Marconi Maritime Center (CMMC) in Chatham, Cape Cod, MA, USA (Mark Connelly, WA1ION, South Yarmouth, MA, ABDX via DXLD)

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#### WORLD RADIO DAY 2013

13 February is World Radio Day ó a day to celebrate radio as a medium; to improve international cooperation between broadcasters; and to encourage major networks and community radio alike to promote access to information and freedom of expression over the airwaves.

As radio continues to evolve in the digital age, it remains the medium that reaches the widest audience worldwide. This multi-purpose medium can help people, including youth, to engage in discussions on topics that affect them. It can save lives during natural or human-made disasters; and it provides journalists with a platform to report facts and tell their stories.

UNESCO encourages all countries to celebrate World Radio Day by planning activities in partnership with regional, national and international broadcasters, non-governmental organizations, the media and the public.

Throughout these web pages, you will find a wealth of resources that you can use free of charge and without copyright restriction to help plan your World Radio Day event. Let's celebrate!  
<http://www.unesco.org/new/en/communication-and-information/events/prizes-and-celebrations/celebrations/world-radio-day/>  
<http://www.rrr.ro/index2.shtml?lang=1>  
(via Jaisakthivel, Ardic DX Club, India, dxldyg via DXLD)

## WAVESCAN WORLD RADIO DAY SPECIAL

A special edition of the "Wavescan" program from Adventist World Radio -- a weekly program dealing with developments in shortwave and international radio. This will be a special World Radio Day edition recorded at the High Frequency Coordination Conference hosted by the Arab States Broadcasting Union in Tunis, Tunisia, with news about World Radio Day, international broadcasting in Africa, and more. It will be broadcast on Wednesday, February 13 at 0100 and 1200 UT on 9955 kHz shortwave and simulcast at <http://www.wrmi.net> from WRMI-Radio Miami International in Miami, Florida; and at 2000 UT on 13570 kHz shortwave and simulcast at <http://www.winb.com> from WINB in Pennsylvania, USA. Reception reports and comments can be sent to [info@wrmi.net](mailto:info@wrmi.net)  
<https://worldradioday.crowdmap.com/reports/view/12>  
--- (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, Jan 30, dxldyg via DXLD)

## CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

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### DX AND SHORTWAVE MEETINGS OF 2013

Wednesday, January 30, 2013 12:13 AM

Here is a list of some radio (especially shortwave and DX) related meetings of this year. I hope this is of interest. Updates and corrections (deadline February 15) are very welcome to [risto.vahakainu@helsinki.fi](mailto:risto.vahakainu@helsinki.fi)

#### Shortwave Radio Meetings - 2013

Date: February 6-10

Location: Solingen-Wald, Germany

Description: DX Camp

Organization: Radiofreunde NRW

More info: [christof.proft@gmail.com](mailto:christof.proft@gmail.com)

Date: February 13

Description: UNESCO World Radio Day

Dates: March 1-2

Location: Plymouth Meeting (near Philadelphia), PA, USA

Description: Winter SWL Fest

More info: <http://www.swlfest.com>

Expected attendance: 150

Date: March 2 (1430-1700 BST)

Location: Reading International Solidarity Centre (RISC), 35-39 London Street, Reading RG1 4PS, England

Organization: Reading International Radio Group

Expected attendance: 20

More info: <http://www.bdx.org.uk>

Note: Reading DX meetings are held with about 2 months interval (next one on May 11th)

Dates: March 17-19

Location: Alexanderplatz, Berlin

Description: Radiodays Europe, a conference on radio and its future

More info: <http://www.radiodayseurope.com>

Dates: March 29-April 4

Location : Hoherodskopf, Germany

Description: DX-Camp

Organization: RMRC

More info: mail @ rmrc.de

Dates: May 15-17

Location: Birmingham, AL (at WEWN)

Description: Annual NASB Conference

Organization: National Association of Shortwave Broadcasters+DRM Consortium, USA

More info: <http://www.shortwave.org>

Dates: May 17-19

Location: Dayton, Ohio, USA

Organization: Dayton Hamvention

Expected attendance: 20000

More info: <http://www.hamvention.org>

Dates: May 31-June 2 (tentative)

Location: Gothenburg, Sweden

Description: DX-Parlamentet 2013, the annual meeting of the SDXF

Organization: The Swedish DX-Federation (SDXF)

More info: <http://www.sdx.se>

Dates: June 14-16

Location: Ishøj, Copenhagen, Denmark

Description: Annual General meeting of DSWCI

Organization: Danish Short Wave Club International (DSWCI)

More info: <http://www.dswci.org>

Dates: June 28-30

Location: Friedrichshafen, Germany

Description: Ham Radio, biggest annual hamfest in Europe

Expected attendance: 20000

Dates: August 2-4

Location: Ut^ Island, Finland  
Description: The Annual Summer Meeting  
Organization: The Finnish DX Association  
Expected attendance: 80  
More info: rv @ sdx1.org

Dates: August 24-25  
Location: Tokyo, Japan  
Description: Big ham fair with a SW sector (Japan SW Club stand & lectures)  
Organization: Tokyo Ham Fair  
Expected attendance: 30000  
More info: ohtaket @ live.jp

Dates: September 6-9  
Location: Figueira da Foz, Portugal  
Description: European DX Conference, the annual meeting of EDXC  
Organization: European DX Council (EDXC)  
Expected attendance: 50  
More info: <http://www.edxc.org> mika.palo @ clix.pt

Dates: September 6-11  
Location: Berlin, Germany  
Name: IFA Internationale Funkausstellung  
Description: Consumer Electronics Fair - Including Radios

Dates: September 13-17  
Location: Amsterdam, Holland  
Description: IBC 2013  
More info: <http://www.ibc.org>

Dates: September 21-22  
Location: Gwalior, India  
Description: Hamfest India

Dates: October 1-6  
Location: Wohnste bei Sittensen, Germany  
Description: DX Camp  
Organization: Hamburger Freunde des Rundfunkfernempfangs  
More info: dl1lad @ darc.de

Dates: October 10-13  
Location: near Berlin, Germany  
Description: DX Camp  
Organization: Berliner Empfangsamateure  
More info: wellenjagd @ gmail.com

Date: November 30

Location: Hannover, Germany  
Description: Interradio  
More info: <http://www.interradio.info>

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Helsingin yliopisto  
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p. 050-529 2909  
Jan 30, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

Missed some US and Mexican ones already mentioned in DXLD (gh)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See also GUAM; INDIA; KOREA SOUTH; NEW  
\*\*\*\*\* ZEALAND; NIGERIA; RUSSIA; SAUDI ARABIA;  
SPAIN; CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

#### PROGETTO CONVERTITORE PER DRM

Salve a tutta la lista. E' un piacere annunciare che sul mio sito  
<http://webalice.it/telegrafia> , alla sezione RADIOASCOLTO/DRM ho  
pubblicato l'articolo integrale di un mio progetto di un convertitore  
per DRM. Il modello È quello che uso regolarmente in stazione, quindi  
collaudato e funzionante. L'articolo È stato tratto dalla rivista CQ  
Elettronica di Gennaio 2013. Sono gradite le osservazioni. Giovanni

(Giovanni Lorenzi - IT9TZZ  
QTH: Messina - Italy 38.11 N 15.32 E  
Locator JM78SE  
RX: Yaesu FRG-7000/Kenwood TS-440/Yaesu FT-897  
RX SDR: Autocostruito  
Ant: Longwire 25 m / Dipole  
Down converter per DRM: homebrewing  
Website: [http://www.webalice .it/it9tzz](http://www.webalice.it/it9tzz)  
Ham info: [www.qrz.com/ db/it9tzz](http://www.qrz.com/db/it9tzz)  
bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See also OKLAHOMA  
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#### TV SPECTRUM REPACKING

The NAB and wireless providers have agreed upon a contiguous TV  
channel repacking plan. This is a very important step forward [sic]:  
<http://tinyurl.com/ContiguousRepacking>  
<http://tinyurl.com/SpectrumReorganization>  
(CGC Communicator Jan 28 via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)



## RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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### THE MLA PROJECT --- MOEBIUS LOOP ANTENNA [Re DXLD 13-02]

Hello Glenn: I had no preconceived ideas while testing this antenna since most other MLA articles seemed to favor UHF frequencies and above (namely for GPS, Cell Phones and RFID). I see great possibilities for the MLA within our ranks. It did not exhibit the normal resonance wave length multiples - i.e. 1.5, 3.0, 6.0, 12.0 MHz.

Another interesting attribute was that it exhibited vertical polarization but had far less noise levels than any traditional vertical antenna I have tested. Please note that the directivity of the antenna could be changed by the counterpoise system used. No matter what I tried it never had a traditional 360 degree typical vertical antenna pattern.

This antenna design needs further scrutiny by our community and I'm very interested to hear any feedback from your WOR viewers building this antenna. You have done so much for the SWL hobby that I wish I had more to offer. You have my permission to post on your website.

Fine to include my email address, Glenn. Maybe we can get some feedback. Your friend, (Art Hernandez, <ppisteuo123@yahoo.com> DX LISTENING DIGEST)

### BRISBANE PERSEUS MW SERVER DOWN

Ex Tropical Cyclone Oswald (which effectively was a Cat 1 in Brisbane) has destroyed my best aerial system -- I will have to rebuild my North East Delta Flag. Storm Still going down coast of Australia. Will get back up on my East KAZ when when things settle down a bit (Neil Findlay, Brisbane, Jan 27, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

### MARRIED PAIR ALLEGED TO BE RUSSIAN 'COLD WAR' TYPE SPIES ON TRIAL IN GERMANY

Heidrun is believed to have received detailed directives from Moscow twice a week, using a shortwave receiver which was connected to a decoder and computer. While the couple received their messages via radio, they replied via satellite.  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/jan/15/married-pair-russian-spies-germany>  
(via Bob Wilkner, FL, DXLD)

### SONY LANZA UN NUEVO MODELO DE RADIO PORTATIL AL MERCADO by gruporadioescuchaargentino

Sony es una marca muy reconocida por aportar aire fresco a productos que se encuentran al límite del paso de moda. En el mercado de las radios portátiles han lanzado dispositivos de lo más interesantes en los últimos años, con novedades que permiten sacar mayor partido a su utilización. El modelo XDR-55TV es la radio más novedosa del fabricante, que se desmarca de versiones previas por ser simplemente una radio portátil, no teniendo funciones adicionales como si ocurriera en los modelos anteriores distribuidos por la misma empresa.

Aunque lo cierto es que la XDR-55TV sí tiene una particularidad bastante sonada, menos sorprendente para los japoneses y más curiosa a la vista de usuarios occidentales. Se trata de la utilización de función de televisión, de ahí el uso de TV en su nombre de modelo. No es que la radio tenga una pantalla donde podamos ver la televisión, sino que un sintonizador 1Seg le permite emitir el sonido de los canales de televisión que sintonicemos. Es decir, si en un canal están emitiendo una tertulia, podremos escucharla sin necesidad de ver la imagen, o lo mismo para un evento deportivo e incluso una película si no nos resulta necesario ver la imagen. . .

<http://www.gizmos.es/59546/audio-portatil/las-radios-portatiles-todavia-venden-sony-lo-demuestra/>

(GRA blog via DXLD)

Portable radio that receives TV sound --- no big deal in the analog era. I had some, but outside a metro area, they were very limited with nothing but the whip antenna. Even in Ft Lauderdale, pulling in the Miami UHF's was tough. Would you believe that this writeup never mentions whether we are talking about analog or digital TV? Surely in this year in Japan and everywhere else including Spain where Gizmos.es originates, we are talking about DTV. Which means you have to receive at a decodable level the entire DTV bandwidth in order to pull the audio out of it, rather than a specific, separate FM audio frequency from the video.

Googling on the model, here's a too-brief translated English item:

<http://en.akihabaranews.com/122488/audio-systems/xdr-55tv-sony-new-elegant-portable-radio>

``Here you are another very well designed product from Sony with the XDR-55TV. Unlike the SRS-BTX300 and SRS-BTX500, the XDR-55TV is not a portable Bluetooth and NFC Speaker but a simple AM/FM Radio with 1Seg Support that will stream Japanese TV programs audio wherever you are. The XDR-55TV comes in Black and White, weight 480g for a size of 190x36x95mm run on two AA batteries that will give you enough juice for 17hrs of continuous 1Seg Audio playback! The XDR-55TV will be sold in Japan early February at around 16,000 Yen.``

I'm not sure what 1Seg is, meaning 1 Segment, apparently, but fear by

``stream`` it is something web-based rather than picking up DTV signals directly. And I wouldn't count on it working outside Japan where standards are different. I also found a Japanese sales site saying it \*will\* be released in February \*2001\*. 73, (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## ZAPPING BATTERIES

Do not do this at home unless you really know what you are doing. This is dangerous. You could blow up your battery if you aren't careful and get hurt. Did I mention you have to be stupid like me to do this and did I mention that this is dangerous. If I didn't then listen up, this is dangerous but it does work. If you are cheap like me and Clark Howard, this makes you 1/10th as tight as Bob Smoak, you can save a dollar or two if you do this to rechargeable batteries only.

First things first. If you have one of these little wind up radios that has a battery inside, use it on the little rechargeable battery pack in the unit. I promise you that the little Ni-MH battery will grow internal dendrites in it and will be shorted and you will not be able to charge it on the internal generator. I found this out the hard way on my Grundig FR-200. I hadn't used it for at least two years. You also want to be sure it will work when the power is out and you need it. Run the thing on the generator and batteries. You will be better off for it.

Since my battery was dead from lack of use and internal shorting, I went to check on the cost for another and it was not a huge cost, \$9.99. However I am cheap and learned to zap batteries on submarines and could bring them back to life. Those batteries were huge and weighed 126 tons but I figure little 3.6V battery packs would be much less dangerous. Still you can blow up a battery if you are not careful and this is dangerous. I just want to make sure that you know its dangerous and not to be stupid like me and zap rechargeable batteries.

I had a 6V glass mat sealed battery that had a capacity of 12 AH. I figured that I would use that since the voltage was fairly low and I wanted to make it have the least possibility for blowing up the radio battery as possible. You can do it with a car battery but you have to just barely touch the leads and it could really blow up the battery pack and the goo spray out. I used the 6V battery for safety measures.

The leads were clipped to the 6V donor battery and the cover had been cut off the radio battery pack. It looks a lot like a cell phone battery. I pulled the solder tabs out on the battery pack and touched the terminals about 5 times for about three seconds at a time. MAKE SURE YOU PUT POSITIVE TO POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE TO NEGATIVE or you will find out quickly about dangerous conditions. By doing this with higher

than normal voltage and much higher amperage the current flows quickly through the battery creating heat internally that melts the dendrites (metal whiskers) that bridge from the positive and negative components inside the battery which short it out.

When you zap batteries, check the battery with your hand to feel heat. Feeling a little warmth is ok, Feeling high heat is not ok. High heat means you better not put any more power through it because the battery is near rupture and the goo inside will spray out. If you get to the high heat point, let the battery cool. If you had a little warmth, then try the battery in the radio. If there is any life left in it you will get a battery that will operate again for a good long time.

Best not to zap batteries if you are not sure of what you are doing because you really could get hurt. That said, with care and a little protective gear like goggles and rubber gloves you ought to be ok.

I got my battery pack back to working just fine and ran it out and charged it with the internal charger and the FR200 will run about 35 minutes with about a minute of cranking. You won't have to zap your battery if you run it on the crank generator and internal battery from time to time (Kevin Redding, Crump, TN, Jan 27, ABDX via DXLD)

Kevin, A few years ago, I asked you what the proper procedure was to break in NiMH batteries. I have long since forgotten so I would like to ask again.

You may remember that I got some after a ham friend told me NiMH batteries were the best thing since chocolate chip cookies. I got some Energizers that came with the charger and I used them in my camera. They didn't last long, and after a while they wouldn't hold enough of a charge to power the camera even after they had just been recharged. I seem to remember you giving me advice on how to do the correct sequence when first charging and using the batteries, which is something the manufacturers don't bother to tell their customers. I wouldn't have bought any more of those batteries after my bad experience with them, but I had some coupons for them that made them almost free, so I took a chance and bought another 4 pack of AA batteries, also Energizer. They have been sitting in the original wrapping for a few years since I didn't know how to prepare them for use.

If you could pass along the info again, I would appreciate it, and maybe it will be helpful to others on the list. Thanks, (Kit, ibid.)

NiMH batteries are great for use in radios or cameras. Not too expensive like Li Ion and can be charged at any time even when the battery is not drained. They won't catch fire like the Li Ion

batteries either.

The best thing to do when you get NiMH batteries is charge them fully and then drain them to about 80% 3 to 5 times. Once you do that put them to use. They will last a long time. Charge them whenever you want but do not drain them all the way down. Those batteries do not like that. It will shorten their life if you let them drain down to zero. The other thing is when you have them and they sit for a while, they will self discharge. Put NiMH batteries in something you will use a lot.

Energizers are not particularly bad unless you get the 2500 mAH batteries, Those died rather quickly. I bought many before I found out they were short lived. You might get about 50 charges out of them when the others could give you up to 500 charges. Make sure you don't get the 2500 mAH energizers (Kevin, Crump, TN, *ibid.*)

Very interesting read! I didn't know this could be done, although it makes sense. I've got like 4 cordless phone handsets that I can't use because none of their rechargeable battery packs will hold a charge anymore. The battery packs are about the size of 2 AA batteries. So my question is, could you do the same thing using a wall-wart, some sort of AC adaptor? If you have your 3.6V battery pack and were to take a wall wart that puts out 6V at 900ma or 1.2amps. Would you get the same outcome? Or is there just not enough amperage to pull off the job? (Michael n Wyo Richard, *ibid.*)

I doubt there is enough amps but you can experiment. It might work. I don't know the answer to that. I only know to use the brute force method. Lots of volts and high amps is what we always used (Kevin, Crump, TN, *ibid.*)

There are no more 2500 Energizers. The 2650 Duracells were bad. The Sanyo 2700s and Sony 2700s were short lived, and Sanyo batteries are among the best. Use a charger with a deep cycle function. Discharging to 1 volt per cells is what is done in these (Powell E Way, III, *ibid.*)

Just my \$0.02 --- I used to have a 100,000 uFd 30V capacitor from an old mainframe PS that I'd charge up to ~24V and zap NiCads with. High surge current for short duration. It sometimes took 2 or 3 tries but worked pretty well. I tried zapping a cordless phone battery pack and had better success peeling back the plastic wrapping and doing one cell at a time. I think once the whisker opens the resistance is too high for the other cells in series to get enough current and the risk of damaging any good cells (and an explosion) is much higher.

One could build a shielded box with one or more battery holders and a

switch/SCR so if one does "pop" the mess is contained. So much for my pre-caffiene musings (Tim Hills, Sioux Falls, SD, *ibid.*)

I seldom bother with NiCd or NiMH because the cell voltage is substantially lower than alkalines. The battery is "weak" right from the start. On higher voltage radios, if there is room to add a cell, I can get the right voltage - a 9V radio like the SR-3. If you put in 6 D size NiCd or NiMH, the operating voltage is 7.2V. Put in one more battery and you are back up to 8.4V, two and you are up to 9.6V. I have some "9V" NiCd square batteries that actually have seven internal cells to get closer to the right value. One has been in my multimeter for 30 years, and faithfully takes a charge when it runs down. Had that been a 7.2V "9V" type, I doubt it would have lasted.

Li Ion cells are generally protected from internal shorts, so they aren't as dangerous as the government would have you believe. It is fairly easy to salvage them out of old laptop battery packs. The nominal open cell voltage is about 4.2V, so it only takes two of them to drive an SR-3. I can also salvage the charging circuitry from the laptop battery pack, a little research on the internet gives you the information on how to hook it up - I have an old Acer charger that puts out 19V, then it was just a matter of harvesting the right circuitry out of an old laptop and old battery package, changing a couple of resistors for the lower voltage, and rock solid reliable. And priced right - FREE! One peculiarity - if you let them discharge below 2.5V, they don't accept a charge any more.

After recent events, I'd think twice before taking a Li Ion modified radio on an airplane, especially if it were packed in the luggage. But then I've taken a Li Ion shaver on the plane, packed in checked baggage, and it was fine (Bruce Carter, *ibid.*)

Thanks, Kevin and Tim. I may try some experimenting and see what happens. The thing I have plenty of are laptop power supplies. Most are about 19.5 volts and usually about 4 amps. Not sure if it's the volts or the amps that melt the whiskers. I've noticed over time with things like the newer cell phones and tablets it seems they need more amps to charge. For instance, my cell phone's USB charger WILL charge my Kindle Fire but it'll take all day. Whereas if I use the Kindle's actual USB charger, it will charge in an hour or two. Looking at the voltages yes they are each about 5 volts; but the Kindle's charger may be something like 1.5 amps, whereas the cell phone's USB charger is about 1 amp.

I like the idea of taking apart the packs in the cordless phones; they look like 2 AA batteries shrink-wrapped in yellow plastic anyway. Shouldn't be too difficult. It would seem from what you guys describe, that sending 4 amps into a battery that's probably 150ma is probably

right on par, maybe a little low. I think my bigger concern is sending 19 volts into a battery that's a 1.5 volt battery! I did check those battery packs by the way; they are NiMH, not NiCads. Does that matter? I guess there's always the possibility of blowing the power supply. It might see it as a short and end up just shutting itself off or backing down, whereas an actual battery won't do that. Again, I may give it a shot anyway (Michael n Wyo, ibid.)

Nope, it even works on lead acid, AGM, carbon zinc, alkaline, zinc chloride, you name it, that said, you do get finally to a point where you can't do anything with the battery other than use it for a paperweight or to fill up your favorite landfill (Kevin Redding, ibid.)

#### PROPAGATION

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#### GEOMAGNETIC INDICES --- GEOMAGNETIC SUMMARY DECEMBER 2012

Via Phil Bytheway ñ Tabulated from email status daily.

DateFlux A K Space Weather

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| 1  | 102 | 4 | 2 | no storms |
| 2  | x   | x | x | x         |
| 3  | 97  | 3 | 1 | no storms |
| 4  | 96  | 6 | 1 | no storms |
| 5  | 96  | 2 | 1 | no storms |
| 6  | 97  | 1 | 1 | no storms |
| 7  | 97  | 1 | 0 | no storms |
| 8  | 101 | 1 | 0 | no storms |
| 9  | 101 | 1 | 1 | no storms |
| 10 | 104 | 3 | 1 | no storms |
| 11 | 104 | 2 | 1 | no storms |
| 12 | 112 | 2 | 0 | no storms |
| 13 | 112 | 2 | 1 | no storms |
| 14 | 119 | 3 | 1 | no storms |
| 15 | 122 | 7 | 2 | no storms |
| 16 | 120 | 5 | 1 | no storms |
| 17 | 120 | 5 | 2 | no storms |
| 18 | 116 | 6 | 1 | no storms |
| 19 | 113 | 4 | 1 | no storms |
| 20 | 114 | 7 | 2 | no storms |
| 21 | 115 | 4 | 0 | no storms |
| 22 | 115 | 2 | 0 | no storms |
| 23 | 114 | 2 | 0 | no storms |
| 24 | 114 | 2 | 2 | no storms |
| 25 | 113 | 3 | 0 | no storms |
| 26 | 113 | 3 | 0 | no storms |
| 27 | 110 | 3 | 0 | no storms |

28 106 2 1 no storms  
29 109 2 0 no storms  
30 107 4 2 no storms  
31 114 1 1 no storms  
(NRC DX News Jan 21 via DXLD)

## SOLAR ERUPTIONS

Last night I attended a lecture of a solar researcher of the university Potsdam, Germany. The subject was: Solar Eruptions.

He vividly presented how the magnetic field and fieldlines play a major role in our sun's activity. Also that one entire solar cycle lasts 22 years, not 11 years. On my question if a solar max resembles more the one 22 years ago than 11 years ago, he said, no, because the magnitude of solar cycles is additionally superimposed by an 80 year cycle and another one that is even longer (I forgot the duration).

And the 80 year cycle is still going downward, so in 11 years, solar max will be even lower than what we experience now. In 22 years even lower. So not a good future for us F2-DXers above 30 MHz; the chance to see the MUF reach the TV channels seems to be zero.

He explained the effects of solar eruptions on earth and only considered those negative, besides the only positive one of watching aurora. He was puzzled when I told him that enjoyed another effect, watching far away TV stations from KAZ, RUS, TKM, IRN, Thailand in 2001. He never had heard about that. Interestingly a time lapse movie was shown of several eruptions in April 2001, just when I heard the Australian TV carrier on a few mornings.

One of the negative effects of a eruption is the interference of GPS signals that leads to unprecision. But hold your breath, it's not about location precision, but about time reference precision. And that is extremely important for high frequency trading (stock market) !!! The UK is doing a lot of research on getting a better time reference, because of their huge financial industry in the London City. It makes me sick to see in what gambling hall that has ended, and serves the general economy no good.

(Jurgen Bartels Suellwarden, N. Germany, Jan 24, Ant. hor: 29-45 MHz  
7-el, 45-87 MHz 11-el, FM 15.11, Band-3: 13-el, UHF: 48-el  
TV: Winradio G305 / Fly2000 + video noise filter & variable IF BW  
FM: Downconverter + Perseus + Speclab as WFM demod.  
MW: 90m bev 220 , 30 x 4m EWE 320 with JB-terminator, Winradio & Perseus  
[http://zeiterfassung.3sdesign.de/station\\_list.htm](http://zeiterfassung.3sdesign.de/station_list.htm)  
mwdx yg via DXLD)



Geomagnetic field activity was at mostly quiet levels from 21 to 25 January. On 26 January, solar wind measurements from the ACE spacecraft indicated the arrival of a coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS), preceded by a co-rotating interaction region (CIR). The ACE measurements showed a small increase in solar wind density, followed by an increase in solar wind speed, accompanied by an enhancement in the total interplanetary magnetic field. In response to these changes, quiet to active levels were observed. As effects from the CH HSS waned, a return to quiet levels was observed on 27 January. An instrument on the ACE spacecraft called the EPAM, used to monitor energetic protons and electrons in the solar wind, indicated the possible arrival of the 23 January CME late on 26 January. Due to the arrival of the CH HSS, it was hard to discern which effects can be attributed to the CH HSS and which can be attributed to the CME.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 28 JAN - 23 FEB 2013

Solar activity is expected to be very low levels with the possibility of C-class events for the entire forecast period. Even though several of the returning regions show magnetic complexity, very little data has indicated increases in activity while these regions rotate around the far side of the disk. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be normal to high levels on 28-30 January and 11-12 February in response to CH HSS effects. Normal to moderate levels are expected for the remainder of the period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at mostly quiet levels for the entire forecast period, except for 09-10 February and 22-23 February. Quiet to active levels are expected on these days in response to CH HSS effects.

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:Issued: 2013 Jan 28 0352 UTC

# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center

# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web

# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html>

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

# Issued 2013-01-28

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| # UTC       | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest  |
|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| # Date      | 10.7 cm    | A Index   | Kp Index |
| 2013 Jan 28 | 95         | 8         | 3        |
| 2013 Jan 29 | 95         | 5         | 2        |
| 2013 Jan 30 | 110        | 5         | 2        |

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|-------------|-----|----|---|
| 2013 Jan 31 | 125 | 5  | 2 |
| 2013 Feb 01 | 125 | 5  | 2 |
| 2013 Feb 02 | 125 | 5  | 2 |
| 2013 Feb 03 | 130 | 5  | 2 |
| 2013 Feb 04 | 140 | 5  | 2 |
| 2013 Feb 05 | 140 | 5  | 2 |
| 2013 Feb 06 | 135 | 5  | 2 |
| 2013 Feb 07 | 135 | 5  | 2 |
| 2013 Feb 08 | 130 | 5  | 2 |
| 2013 Feb 09 | 125 | 8  | 3 |
| 2013 Feb 10 | 120 | 8  | 3 |
| 2013 Feb 11 | 120 | 5  | 2 |
| 2013 Feb 12 | 115 | 5  | 2 |
| 2013 Feb 13 | 110 | 5  | 2 |
| 2013 Feb 14 | 105 | 5  | 2 |
| 2013 Feb 15 | 105 | 5  | 2 |
| 2013 Feb 16 | 110 | 5  | 2 |
| 2013 Feb 17 | 110 | 5  | 2 |
| 2013 Feb 18 | 110 | 5  | 2 |
| 2013 Feb 19 | 105 | 5  | 2 |
| 2013 Feb 20 | 105 | 5  | 2 |
| 2013 Feb 21 | 105 | 5  | 2 |
| 2013 Feb 22 | 105 | 15 | 4 |
| 2013 Feb 23 | 105 | 10 | 3 |

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1654, DXLD)

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SOLAR & GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY FORECAST FOR JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 24.

Solar activity will continue to fluctuate at solar flux levels between 90 - 140 s.f.u. in next few weeks. Present decrease will be followed by quick activity enhancement soon (near the end of January).

Occurrence of isolated C class flares only is expected in next few days, more often occurrence is expected in February again, together with isolated M class flares. X flare will be very exceptionally possible in February.

Geomagnetic field will be:

quiet on January 29 - 31, February 1 - 3, 5 - 7, 17 - 21, 24.

mostly quiet on January 28 and February 12.

quiet to unsettled on February 4, 8, 11, 16, 23.

quiet to active on February 9 - 10, 13 - 14.

active to disturbed on February 15, 22.

High probability of changes in solar wind which may cause changes in magnetosphere and ionosphere is expected on January (30 - 31), February (2,) 8 - 10, (12 - 14, 20 - 21,) 22.

Remark:

Parenthesis means lower probability of activity enhancement.

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Don't miss "THE PENTICTON SOLAR FLUX RECEIVER," an article on pages 39-46 in the February 2013 issue of QST. This gives a great explanation about where the solar flux numbers in our bulletin originate. It answered questions I had about the process, such as how they handle readings that go off the scale during a space weather event (QST de W1AW, Propagation Forecast Bulletin 4 ARLP004 bjFrom Tad Cook, K7RA, Seattle, WA January 25, 2013, To all radio amateurs, via Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD)

19 meters in total silence, now at 0132, from remote radio in Twente, NL. Not even a signal. 73 (Jorge Freitas, UT Jan 29, dxldyg via DXLD)

It's absolutely normal in the winter not to have a single signal on 19 meter band in the middle of the night. :)) (Georgi Bancov, ibid.) ###